

Dear supporters of CARE Austria,

Our world in 2025 is marked by crises, conflicts and disasters. Yet at this very moment, some states are withdrawing from their responsibilities by cutting funds for humanitarian aid and development cooperation. Partners who remain reliable in difficult times are therefore of increasing importance. The close cooperation with the European Union and Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) is thus indispensable for CARE Austria.

Our annual report shows what these partnerships achieve in detail: In Syria, for example, Laila and her family finally have clean water. An EU-funded project ensures their survival in the summer heat. In Chad, a CARE-supported health center treats over a hundred acutely malnourished children every week. In Mozambique, ADC and EU together with CARE enable access to water, seeds and new prospects.

Our aid works. It protects lives - day after day.

In 2025, CARE has been working for 80 years. But for us, this anniversary is not a reason to celebrate – we see it as motivation. The CARE Package®, first sent in 1946, stands for solidarity, humanity and the commitment to leave no one behind. Initially, CARE supported people in Europe. In Austria alone, people received more than one million CARE Packages®.

Today, our mandate has never been more relevant. We thank all who join us in carrying it out responsibly across the globe. Thank you for fighting poverty with CARE!

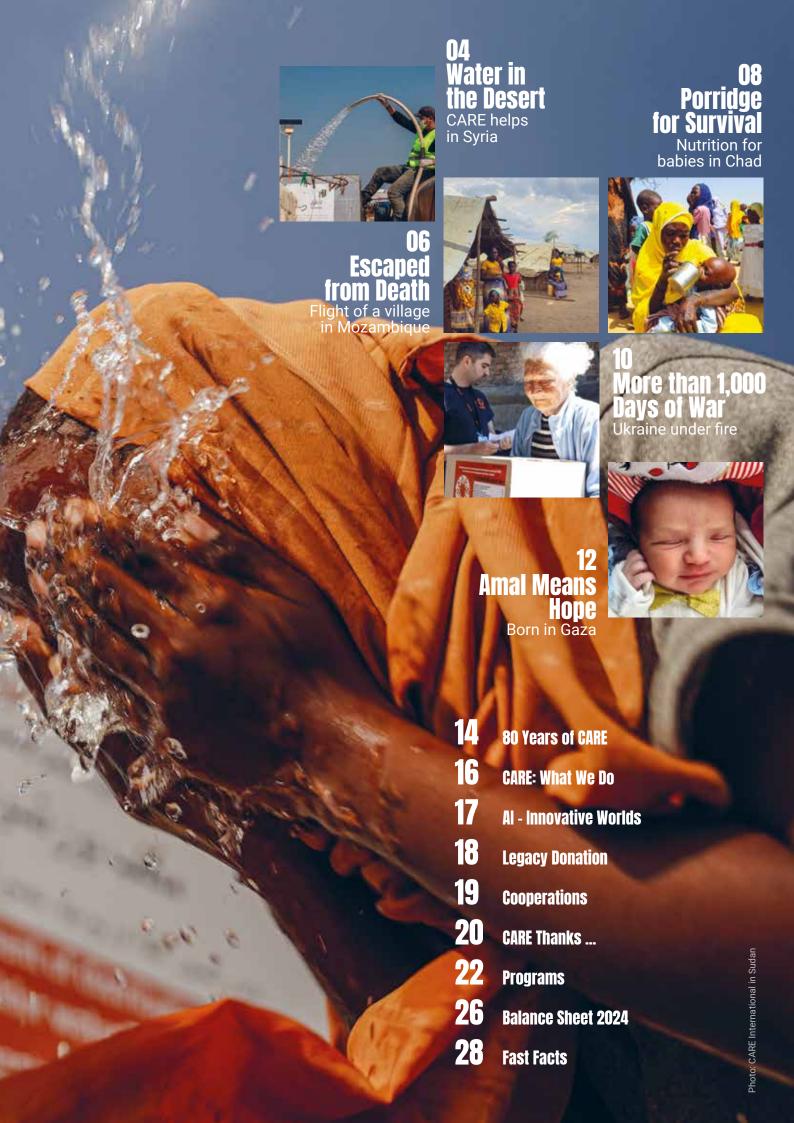
CARE provides vital aid worldwide. This can be CARE Packages® with food and drinking water, but also opportunities for education, income generation or adapting agricultural techniques to the changing climate environment.



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Dr.in **Birgit Niessner** Chairwoman of the Board CARE Austria







hen the truck with water tanks reaches the tent camp, it's like a new life for Laila and her children. Suddenly, what they were missing every day is flowing again. The area around the camp resembles a desert. Extremely high temperatures of about 40 degrees and more are common in the summer months. The tents offer little protection from the scorching sun. Under the fabric roof, it becomes unbearably hot.

"Not having enough water is not just an inconvenience, it's a disaster," says Laila (42). It means being thirsty. And how can you cook without water? Wash vegetables? Shower? The water in nearby wells is often contaminated. There's a lack of chlorine to disinfect it. "This is a danger for the children! Cholera and intestinal diseases are common here," she says. The family cannot afford to buy clean water to fill the tanks. It's very expensive.

Before the war in Syria, Laila lived a quiet and simple life in a village. She worked in agriculture and sheep

farming. She was used to harsh weather and intense heat. But the way she lives now is barely bearable for her. "Every day is marked by suffering, scarce resources and mental exhaustion," says Laila. "The problems exist throughout the year, but summer is particularly hard. Nevertheless, we persevere and always find ways to cope with the difficult conditions."

Hunger and Heat

About 3.6 million people in northwest Syria don't have enough to eat. Around 80 percent of the population needs support for water and hygiene, waste disposal, and sanitation facility maintenance.

But financial resources are lacking. Some health facilities had to close. People like Laila feel the dwindling support for the displaced in Syria. "In the first years, we didn't suffer as much because we received help," says Laila. "But with each summer, it became less. The reduction in support has hit us hard. We can no longer provide for ourselves with food."





Food is scarce. Help for us is running out." At least Laila and her family now have clean water. CARE and the local partner organization International Humanitarian Relief (IYD) help displaced families with financial support from the European Union.

A Home for the Children

"This project is vital for me, my family, and all people in the camps," says Laila. "Now we can drink water and be sure we won't get sick!" Laila hopes the water supply can be secured long-term for her children. "I wish they had a home and a roof over their heads – not just a piece of fabric under which we live."

Emergency Aid Syria

The war in Syria has left deep scars: More than 13 million people have been displaced, over half within the country. The economic situation is catastrophic: Almost 90 percent of the population lives in poverty. Ongoing violence in parts of the country and the consequences of the climate crisis, including recurring and prolonged droughts, have serious consequences. Nearly 70 percent of the population doesn't have enough to eat. Almost half a million children are malnourished. In total, 16.7 million people in Syria need humanitarian assistance, the majority of whom are women and children.

How CARE helps: CARE has been working in Syria since 2013. Since 2016, we have been operating with financial support from the EU and together with local partner organizations. CARE provides emergency aid for the displaced and supports rebuilding livelihoods. CARE also ensures access to clean water and sanitation, including through construction and rehabilitation of wells, toilets and handwashing stations, as well as the distribution of hygiene kits. CARE also manages wastewater.

Women and girls affected by or at risk of violence receive protection through special programs. At the same time, awareness-raising campaigns targeting men and boys take place to prevent violence. Additionally, CARE promotes vocational training for women and girls to enable an independent future. In total, more than 570,000 people benefit from the project, the majority of them women.

Through emergency aid, CARE has already reached more than 7.2 million people in Syria. CARE works with Syrian partners throughout the country and provides long-term support.



hen they came to kill us, we ran as fast as we could and hid in the bush," recalls Zacarias (31). He and his family fled with nothing but the clothes on their backs. "I carried my grandmother. We marched over a hundred kilometers for three days," he says. They only rested when it was too hot to continue walking. The entire village fled together.

"There were over 2,000 people in the bush, but it was completely silent because we were in shock. We saw so many dead along the way who had died of thirst or were too sick or old to flee. The only sound I could hear was when someone cried," says Zacarias. In the chaos of fleeing, parents lost their children and families were separated when they ran in different directions.

"There was no food"

"We survived the attacks, but we continued to suffer. In the place we fled to, there was nothing. At first, food was distributed, but then there were no more supplies," reports Zacarias.

Funding for international aid is insufficient. In the conflict zone, more than 1.7 million people urgently

need support. There continues to be a lack of water and shelter. People have no income, infrastructure is destroyed.

Finding water is the most difficult. Rivers are far away and water holes have dried up due to the drought. Groundwater is too salty to drink. Building new boreholes is very expensive. "When we find water, it looks like this," says Ancha, holding up a bottle of milky, yellowish water. "It makes us very sick, but it's the only water we have." She pours it into a plastic cup and drinks a few precious drops in small sips.

CARE is establishing water holes, rehabilitating water tanks and latrines, and distributing seeds and agricultural equipment with funds from the Austrian Foreign Disaster Relief Fund and the European Union (EU). We also offer agricultural training to support communities in adapting to climate change challenges.

Mozambique is particularly affected by the climate crisis. Cyclones repeatedly sweep across the country causing massive destruction. Many people must flee to other parts of the country and depend on





Click here for the digital edition of CARE's Crisis Report (in German).



In the Shadow of Wars

Ten Humanitarian Disasters that received little coverage in 2024

34.8 million people were affected by forgotten humanitarian crises. The climate crisis and ongoing conflicts are exacerbating the emergency. Due to the worst drought in decades, 2.2 million people in Angola (ranked first in the report) required humanitarian assistance. Yet, in 2024, only 1,956 online articles reported on the suffering of Angolans.

It is the third consecutive year that the country has topped the list of the ten forgotten humanitarian disasters in the CARE Crisis Report. This is the ninth edition of the report. In 2024, all ten of the crises were located on the African continent.

"Around 35 million people — almost four times the population of Austria — are living in these crises. But numbers do not capture the extent of human suffering," says Andrea Barschdorf-Hager, managing director of CARE Austria. "In these silent disasters, families are fighting daily for survival, often without adequate access to humanitarian aid or international support. Our report aims to encourage people to take a closer look because every person in need deserves solidarity and support."

For the CARE Crisis Report, the international media monitoring service Meltwater analyzed 5.6 million online articles in Arabic, German, English, French, and Spanish between January 1 and September 30, 2024. From a list of 43 humanitarian crises affecting at least one million people, the ten crises receiving the least media attention were identified.



bakar (11 months) was very thin and weak. He barely moved. "I was so scared. He didn't even cry anymore," says Samia (20). A CARE volunteer referred her to FARN (Home for Learning and Nutrition Rehabilitation). There, Abakar received nutrient-rich porridge and recovered. He gained weight and became stronger.

Soon, Abakar was visibly better. He started playing and took his first steps. Samia now only needs to come twice a week to get the power food for her son. "Thanks to the 'Mothers of Light,' I've learned a lot and can feed him better now," she says. "Mothers of Light" (Mamans Lumières) are advisors who care for women who come to a FARN center with their children. They show mothers how to make nutritious porridge from local products.

Mothers exhausted from hunger

The goal is to provide malnourished children with restorative nutrition and share knowledge about nutrition. With financial support from the European Union, CARE is establishing one hundred FARN contact points in the Wadi Fira province in the east of the country.

Samia was abandoned by her child's father. She must now care for Abakar alone but is exhausted and weakened by hunger herself. "If I'm lucky, I eat three times a week. Today I haven't eaten anything and feel very weak," she says. Samia lives with her mother and younger siblings. Usually, there isn't enough food for everyone. Samia then goes without, so there's more for the children. "I can handle hunger better, even though it hurts."

Thin arms show malnutrition

When Haway (photo on the right) stirs a large pot of porridge, many mothers with infants and small children are already waiting. Hunger is widespread in Chad. More than 3.4 million people don't have enough food. 1.9 million children suffer from acute malnutrition. Their mothers are desperate, but they find support through the "Mothers of Light." While the children eat the porridge, CARE volunteer Abdurahman walks around and checks how malnourished they are by measuring their arms. Severe cases are referred to the nearest hospital.

Today, many children are in the red area of the MUAC band (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference), indicating severe acute malnutrition. Some are even in the lower red zone with circumferences of eight or nine centimeters. A young mother hesitates before approaching



Abdurahman. Her son Mounir is two years old. His face already shows how malnourished he is. When Abdurahman measures Mounir, he reacts with shock: nine centimeters. "He can't hold himself upright," whispers the mother. Abdurahman tells her that Mounir must go to the hospital immediately.

From malnourished to strong

Malnutrition in children can be fatal. A lack of food and nutrients during the developmental phase often leads to lifelong damage. That's why facilities like FARN are so important. The mothers who come regularly see significant changes in their children. While they were initially weak and could barely walk, they become stronger and more independent. Soon, the MUAC band shows healthy numbers in the green zone. This means they are healthy and no longer malnourished.

I eat as little as I possibly can, so there's more left for the children."

1.9 million children are acutely malnourished.

Restorative nutrition is vital for survival.





Mothers help other mothers and cook nutritious porridge.



What is it like to live a thousand days in war? In 2024, we raised this question with people in the eastern part of Ukraine who receive CARE emergency aid.

here is no life. We sit in the cellar. There's the cellar and nothing else," says Tetiana from Pokrovsk in the Donetsk region. More than a thousand days have now passed since the beginning of the Russian attack on Ukraine. The impact on the population remains devastating. Since February 24, 2022, more than 12,000 people have been killed and tens of thousands injured.

them? This is no life. It would be better if no one ever had to see what war is like."

Inside Ukraine, 3.6 million people are registered as displaced. An additional 6.3 million people have sought protection in European states (Source: UNHCR 2025). Sometimes women and children return to their homes in dangerous frontline areas due to financial difficulties when they can't find work elsewhere or afford rent.

The last winter was the third in the war. With the cold, people's hardship intensifies. Power and heating often fail. Many families have also lost their homes. Around 150,000 residential buildings were destroyed

or damaged, as well as thousands of health facilities and schools. It is difficult to find safe accommodation or access medical care.

"You never know if it will hit you or where. In one moment, everything is quiet and in the next something terrible can happen," says Olena (37) from Sloviansk. "If you hear something whizzing by, it will land somewhere else. If it comes directly to you, you don't have time to feel anything or hide. One second and you're gone."

Natalia (69) says she misses peace. "We want our children and grandchildren to come back, and for happiness to return. I can't leave the house because it's dangerous. I sit wrapped in a carpet in the cold cellar."

Pressure. fear and uncertainty

"We are experiencing how international support and global attention for the situation in Ukraine are declining," says a CARE emergency aid worker.

Yet the need for support is enormous. CARE provides people with aid supplies through partner organizations. The need for psychosocial support is also high, as the conflict has left lasting psychological scars. Especially women and children suffer ongoing trauma.

"It's horror. It's constant emotional and psychological pressure due to the uncertainty. It's impossible to make plans, fulfill dreams or even just go anywhere," says Maya, a psychologist working for a CARE partner organization. "It's been more than a thousand days of fear. More than a thousand days of learning what it's like to lose loved ones. It's a lot of misery, grief and death," says Marina (61) from Donetsk. "It's as if someone pressed the pause button (on our lives). Everyone waits and hopes," says Alla (36) from Sloviansk.

1.5 million

people have been supported by CARE since the war started.





The conflict leaves lasting psychological scars on women and children.

Emergency Aid

How CARE helps: Despite numerous access and security problems, CARE and its local partners have so far supported almost 1.5 million people in Ukraine.

CARE provides psychosocial support together with partner organizations, assists survivors of violence, and helps rebuild housing. Additionally, CARE works on restoring water supply and supports communities in ensuring basic services.

Together with NACHBAR IN NOT (NEIGHBOR IN NEED) and with funds from the Foreign Disaster Relief Fund, CARE distributes, for example, emergency aid packages to families. CARE repairs facilities in collective shelters and equips bunkers and shelters in conflict-affected areas with sleeping bags, emergency generators, and drinking water containers.



Gaza

t's early morning on a June day in 2024. Zenab's second child will be born today. On the way to the hospital, Zenab sees only ruins and debris. According to United Nations estimates, about three-quarters of all houses in Gaza are destroyed.

Zenab lives with her three-year-old daughter in a tent in the Khan Younis area. She has been widowed for several months. Her husband was killed in an attack while trying to get food at the market.

Only a few of the previously 36 hospitals in the Gaza Strip are still operating. According to estimates by the World Health Organization, around 183 women give birth every day. Most of them have no access to midwives, doctors, or any medical facilities. They give birth in tents, on dusty ground, or even by the roadside.

Zenab is lucky. She will deliver in a hospital. But tens of thousands of pregnant women experience extreme stress and anxiety every day. They are threatened by hunger, dehydration, death, or injury from airstrikes. Many die from preventable complications during pregnancy or childbirth.

"Amal" means hope

Everything goes well with Zenab's c-section at Al-Awda Hospital in Nuseirat. The medical team must improvise because there is hardly any equipment available. "We've run out of needles, antibiotics, and anesthetics," reports a doctor. But Zenab's daughter Amal is born healthy. She weighs over three kilos. The name Amal means hope.

There is no time for postnatal care in the hospital after the operation. Mother and child must leave the clinic after two hours. The next emergencies are waiting.

No water, no pain medication

For women like Zenab, this means returning to tents or other emergency shelters – often without adequate pain medication. Usually, they have no clean environment and no hygiene and sanitary materials. In many cases, they must walk several kilometers each day to get some water for drinking and cooking.

Zenab is soon back in her tent, which is now her only home, in scorching heat and dust. She doesn't have enough money to buy clean drinking water. But she's not thinking about that at this moment. She happily holds a healthy little girl in her arms.

CARE Emergency Aid

CARE and local partner organizations provide life-saving emergency aid in Gaza with EU support – for example, supplying water and relief goods. CARE also provides emergency shelters, tarpaulins, and hygiene items.

CARE Austria strongly condemns the brutal terror attack on Israel of October 7, 2023, as well as any violence against civilian populations. CARE calls for the immediate cessation of hostilities and compliance with international humanitarian law by all parties to the conflict, unhindered access for humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages. CARE's work is guided exclusively by its humanitarian mandate and human rights.

Women in War

Worldwide, 600 million women live within a 50-kilometer radius of a conflict zone – more than double the number from the 1990s. Contrary to widespread assumptions, women in crisis situations are not invisible or primarily victims – they often take on active leadership roles and drive reconstruction efforts. This is shown in a CARE report based on surveys from 15 conflict countries, including Ukraine, Yemen, Colombia, Syria, and Gaza. Of the 13,000 women surveyed, 91 percent say they actively contribute to supporting their communities – especially in securing livelihoods.

They help refugees with food and shelter, are sole providers for their families, and work together for positive change. 79 percent of respondents seek ways to make their living environment safer, 71 percent of women provide support in healthcare.

Women leading the way to peace

"The women we spoke to are on the front lines despite challenges and terrible experiences. They experience sexual violence, lose their livelihoods, and face a drastic decline in healthcare. This leads to increasing mortality rates, even from preventable causes. We must do more to counter this," says CARE staff member Emily Janoch, one of the report's authors. "Recognizing women's leadership roles in conflict situations and on the path to peace is crucial."



Read the full report here.

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Victoria (32) works in an emergency shelter in Ukraine for a CARE partner organization. Photo: Roman Yeremenko/CARE



80 Years

Still Closely Connected to Austria Today

After 1945, large parts of Europe lay in ruins. Millions of people had no roof over their heads and no food on their plates. Vienna was even considered Europe's hungriest major city. More than two-thirds of children here were malnourished. Quick relief was necessary to prevent another catastrophe. The CARE Package®, filled with life-saving food and everyday items, was created in November 1945. It was support from the USA for Europe's suffering population.

People still remember the circumstances and challenges of the post-war period today. Some have heard about it from their parents or grandparents. For many families, the CARE Package® became survival aid. Not too long ago, we in Austria also had to experience what hunger, poverty, and lack of prospects can mean.

Dr. Franz Vranitzky, former Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, was a child in Vienna at the time. "The immediate post-war period was a time of scarcity. There was nothing," he recalls. "But then came this CARE initiative. In the packages we found welcome items that significantly improved our meager food supply. I remember corned beef. We didn't know such things, but we appreciated it very much. It tasted good. Also chewing gum. No one in Vienna knew chewing gum back then." Something else from the CARE Package® stayed in Vranitzky's (born 1937) memory: chocolate! "It is a globally positive and necessary symbol when there are organizations like CARE that take care of people in need," he says.



Photo: CARE

1946-1955: One million CARE Packages® arrived in Austria.

Herta Schindl can still clearly see the unexpected postal delivery from the USA on the kitchen table. "It was a wonderful package, it was overwhelming," she recalls. "When the CARE Package® was opened – all those things ..." Schindl is moved, tears in her eyes. Like many former recipients of the CARE Package®, she remains connected to CARE and donates out of conviction. "Today I'm doing well. Helping is simply natural. I couldn't do without it."

Schindl (born 1939) has one more important message. "I was never able to thank you for the CARE Package®. To conclude, I just want to say three words: Thank you, CARE!"

Alfred Jelinek (born 1935) says he owes everything to CARE. "The CARE Package® saved my life - and many others too. Without CARE and the support of others, like from my mother, it wouldn't have been possible. I'm so grateful to CARE and will never forget it." He has set up a standing transfer at his bank for his donation. "And I tell my friends too: Don't forget about CARE!"



Witness to history Herta Schindl.

Frieda Veit (born 1940) draws a connection between the children of post-war Vienna and children in today's crisis regions. "If CARE hadn't helped us back then, I don't know how we would have survived. And today, there are people elsewhere in the world who need that just as much as we needed it then."

A birthday wish comes from the former Chancellor. "It's important to me to warmly congratulate CARE on its 80th birthday!" says Vranitzky. "For the people who receive support from CARE, I wish that this activity continues for a long time and remains as successful as before!"



Watch the video interviews with the CARE Package® recipients here (in German and English).

CARE Packages® for the people in Ukraine.







CARE Austria in Figures

Revenues according to their origin



53.79% EU public funds and other institutions
24.82% Private donations
20.58% Domestic public funds

Project expenses by region



in the Middle East in Africa in Europe in Asia

Project expenses



69.41% for disaster relief **30.59%** for development cooperation

Expenditures according to their use



for projects and as-yet unused earmarked funds Fundraising and general public relations Administration

What We Do

We work for a world of hope, inclusion and social justice, in which poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. CARE is a global organization and a valued partner in the worldwide fight against poverty.

Women and Girls

CARE focuses on women and puts girls at the center. Only the empowerment of women and girls can bring about social change that enables a secure future for women, but also for men.

A Self-Determined Life

CARE operates worldwide to save lives. We see our mission primarily in humanitarian aid and innovation in implementing programs that strengthen sustainably and achieve the greatest possible impact for participants.

Programs

Of the project expenditure, around 69.41 percent was used for disaster relief and 30.59 percent for development cooperation. Of the funds, 49.79 percent was spent in the Middle East, 34.43 percent in Africa, 9.46 percent in Europe, and 6.32 percent in Asia. CARE Austria managed a total of 71 projects in 32 countries in 2024.

Sustainability

CARE Austria has been investing for years in reducing and offsetting its own ecological footprint. In 2024, a total of 54.2 tons of greenhouse gas emissions were offset through the organization "my climate" and 62 tons, which were caused by air travel to CARE projects, through the partner "atmosfair." Austrian Post AG compensated 12.4 tons of CO_2 for CARE Austria's mail deliveries.

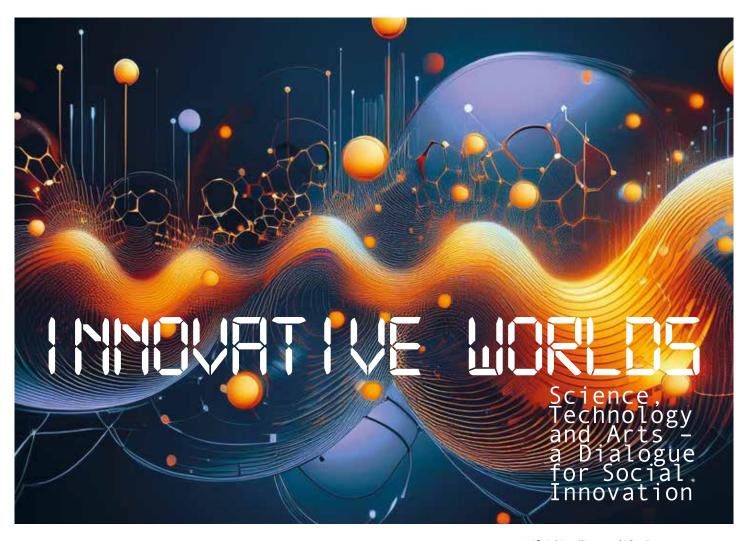
Since November 2024, CARE Austria has been awarded the "Verified Social Enterprise Label" by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism – for organizations with proven Sustainability Development.

Marketing, Programs, Finance

Of total revenue, around 53.79 percent came from EU public funds and other institutions, 24.82 percent from private donations, 20.58 percent from domestic public funds, and 0.81 percent from other income. Of the total expenditure, around 93.59 percent went to projects and unused earmarked funds, 4.58 percent went to fundraising and general public relations, and 1.83 percent were used for administration.

Advocacy

CARE is particularly concerned with the following issues: empowering and strenthening women, promoting peace and security, providing humanitarian aid, and protecting climate and environment.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) advances humanitarian aid at CARE and optimizes the development and implementation of projects.

How Al Drives Innovation at CARE Austria

To manage humanitarian crises, CARE also relies on Artificial Intelligence (AI). In autumn 2024, the interdisciplinary conference "CARE Austria Global Connect – Innovating Together" was held for the first time, opened by a public panel discussion at the Museum of Applied Arts (MAK) Vienna. This innovation day offered CARE Austria's team the opportunity to exchange ideas with internal and external representatives from science, technology, advertising, art, and humanitarian aid. The goal is to make AI more usable for poverty reduction, disaster relief, and gender equality.

"We are investing specifically in knowledge about and application of AI technologies to make our programs more efficient and targeted. Innovation means thinking beyond boundaries," emphasizes CARE Managing Director Andrea Barschdorf-Hager.

Examples include Al-supported agricultural projects that help small-scale farmers secure their yields despite climate change. Or mobile apps that provide displaced people and mothers with vital nutrition information. Al also improves forecasting models for disaster relief and long-term programs.

The conference promoted dialogue about how technology, creativity, and collaboration create sustainable solutions for global challenges. As the humanitarian sector evolves, CARE Austria shows that even an 80-year-old organization can drive innovation. The CARE Package® is not just a relic of the past. It is a symbol of our ongoing commitment to change.

Leaving Something Good in the World





l've included CARE in my will. I am confident that my donation will reach those who need it."

onfronting one's own mortality requires courage. To whom do I want to leave what? What do I want to pass on beyond my life? It's important to arrange your affairs early - this gives not only clarity but also

"In my life, I've had so much luck. That's why I want to give some of it to people who don't have as much. That's how it's written in my will," says CARE supporter Hermann Sammer. Annerose Rettig also made a special decision: she bequeathed a specific guota of her estate to CARE. Her valuable legacy secured survival for many people in need in 2024.

Legacy: A special form of giving

Through bequests, CARE can realize life-saving aid projects that would otherwise not be possible. Every testamentary donation is an expression of humanitarian commitment and a significant contribution to social justice.

Anchoring donations in last wills is trending internationally. More and more people are dedicating part of their assets to charitable purposes.

Actress, singer, and author Erika Pluhar is committed to making this form of support better known. "For me, testamentary donation is the logical way I can remain effective after my death. CARE is an organization I trust and where I'm sure my donation will reach its destination."

Would you also like to do good beyond your lifetime? The notary events of the good-will initiative "Vergiss-meinnicht", of which CARE is a member, provide non-binding information about what needs to be considered when creating a legally valid will. The next events will take place in September 2025.

The CARE Testament Guide provides a good overview of legal requirements. Illustrative examples of wills, valuable tips, and a checklist help you arrange your affairs as you wish. You'll also learn how your will can positively change the lives of people in need and how responsibly CARE handles bequests.

> You can find the quide and upcoming information events here (in German).



Cooperations

When the Shoe Box Becomes a CARE Package®

Since early January 2025, CARE Austria's new advertising campaign has been running, questioning our fast-paced consumer culture. Everyday packaging, such as pizza and shoe boxes, symbolically transform into a CARE Package®.

"Worldwide, more than 300 million people currently depend on humanitarian aid. The campaign's message is clear: With the donation of a CARE Package®, real hunger is satisfied,

and lives are saved," says CARE Managing Director **Andrea Barschdorf-Hager**. The campaign was again developed pro bono by Wien Nord Serviceplan.



Financial Knowledge for Youth

CARE promotes future opportunities with support from BAWAG group

The CARE project "Future for Youth" imparts financial literacy, digital competencies, and social skills. It is supported by the BAWAG Group. Young people in the Balkan states receive practical tools for a successful future. A highlight was the "Youth Leadership Regional Camp" in Sutjeska National Park in Bosnia and Herzegovina in August 2024.

"More than 50 young people gained practical insights into business, marketing, financial knowledge, team building, and personal development," reports CARE Managing Director **Andrea Barschdorf-Hager**. Particularly valuable was the personal training with **Enver Siručić**, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO of the BAWAG Group, and **Hutan Rahmani**, Head of Human Resources. The two bank managers shared experiences from their professional lives and gave advice to the participants.

The combination of education, direct interaction, and social engagement represents an innovative approach to youth work in the region and creates perspectives: We say thank you!

The Post Brings Something for Everyone!

With the motto "Bringing more together," CARE Austria and Austrian Post AG launched a Christmas campaign in autumn 2024. Specially designed "CARE x Post" package boxes were offered in all 360 post offices. For each package sold, 50 cents went to CARE's emergency aid. The sent gifts had a double effect: joy for the recipients and support for people in need. A total of €12,500 was raised.

Post Director General **Walter Oblin** emphasizes the company's social responsibility: "We want to contribute to ensuring that Christmas packages not only bring joy but also relieve hardship." 25,000 package boxes were produced, with the design provided pro bono by Wien Nord Serviceplan agency. CARE Managing Director **Andrea Barschdorf-Hager**: "Every package sold helps women, children, and families in crisis situations. Thank you!" Due to its success, the campaign will continue in 2025. The boxes will be available again in all post offices



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CARE Austria Programs 2024



Uganda, Austria

AUT924, UGA925

Women and youth resilience project (WAYREP)

Volume: €5.250.000.00 **Term:** 04|19 - 03|24

Donor: ADA Direct target group: 44,600

persons

Indirect target group: 250,300

personen

Several countries

AUT928

Program support to CARE global experts teams **Volume:** €285,000.00

Term: 07|21 - 06|25 Donor: CARE AUT

Food systems transformation in southern Africa for one health (FoSTA-Health)

Volume: €99,717.50 **Term:** 10|22 - 03|26 Donor: EU, UKRI Direct target group: Food

systems experts in government, academia, and civil society

Rwanda, Uganda

AUT932

Gender equality and resilience project (GEAR)

Volume: €5,875,000.00 **Term:** 04|24 - 03|29

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 57,000

persons

Indirect target group: 310,000

communities

Burkina Faso

BFA900

Transitional development assistance through livelihood improvement and social cohesion (TALISOC)

Volume: €2,115,000.00 **Term:** 12|23 - 11|26 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 8,550

households

Indirect target group: 59,850

persons

BFΔ901

Multisectoral humanitarian response to the humanitarian crisis in the Boucle of Mouhoun region, Burkina Faso

Volume: €2,106,000.00 Term: 04|24 - 03|26 Donor: ADA

Indirect target group: 34,200

persons

Chad

TCD912

Proiet d'amélioration des soins de santé primaire et nutritionnelle dans le district sanitaire de Guéréda (PROSSAN)

Better nutrition and health for women and children

Volume: €6,494,845.36 **Term:** 01|20 - 01|25

Donor: EU Direct target group: 183,681 persons Indirect target group: 284,778

communities

TCD913

Proiet d'amélioration des soins de santé primaire et nutritionnelle dans le district sanitaire de Lai. Tandjilé (PASS PRIN)

Reducing child mortality Volume: €5,500,000.00 **Term:** 12|20 - 10|25 Donor: EU

Direct target group: 150,030

Indirect target group: 89,936

TCD916

Projet de sécurisation alimentaire des populations vulnérables de la région du **Logone Occidental (PROSECA)**

Strengthening food security **Volume:** €1,525,593.35 **Term:** 02|22 - 01|26

Donor: FU

Direct target group: 19,455 persons Indirect target group: 36,330

persons

Ethiopia

BERHAN sexual and reproductive health and rights initiative in Amhara

Volume: €3,209,370.00 Laufzeit: 12|19 - 02|24 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 37,030

persons

Indirect target group: 156,980

persons

ETH939

Improved WASH systems and resilience in Amhara (IWRA) **Volume:** €1,950,000.00

Term: 12|21 - 02|24 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 271,143

Indirect target group: 24,400

households

ETH949

Recovery and socio-economic stability of conflict-affected populations in Tigray (SELAM)

Volume: €5,000,000.00 Term: 11|21 - 03|24 Donor: EU

Direct target group: 110,245

persons

Indirect target group: 641,788

persons

Early recovery and socio-economic stability of conflict-affected populations in Amhara and Afar. **Ethiopia (SELAM 2)**

Volume: €3,300,000.00 Term: 12|22 - 11|24 Donor: EU

Direct target group: 389,518

persons

Indirect target group: 889,755

persons

ETH952

RELIVES: Resilient livelihoods and sustainable ecosystems in the Simien Mountains National

Park (SMNP)

Volume: €3,333,333.33 **Term:** 11|22 - 10|25 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 123,138

Indirect target group: 615,690

persons

Integrated multi-sectoral emergency response to drought and conflict-affected areas in **West Hararghe Zone**

Volume: €2.000.000.00 **Term:** 12|23 - 03|25 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 79,269

persons

Ivory Coast

CIV900

Proiet de renforcement des systèmes alimentaires durables en Côte d'Ivoire (PRESACI)

Sustainable nutrition in

Côte d'Ivoire

Volume: €3.888.890.00 **Term:** 03|24 - 02|28 Donor: ADA, EU

Direct target group: 18,150

Indirect target group: 100,000

persons

Morocco

MAR901

Earthquake emergency response Morocco **Volume:** €346,007.00 **Term:** 12|24 - 11|25 Donor: CARE AUT

Direct target group: 610 persons

Mozambique

M0Z930

Prepare, respond, and protect, Addressing the needs and protection concerns of crisisaffected girls, boys, women, and men in northern Mozambique

Volume: €8,770,750.00 **Term:** 05|23 - 04|26 Donor: EU

Direct target group: 319,825

M0Z931

Gender-responsive support for improved resilience of women. men, girls, and boys affected by conflict. displacement and natural disasters in Mozambique

Volume: €3,160,000.00 **Term:** 10|23 - 07|26 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 51,906 persons

Rwanda

RWA941

KUNGAHARA: Resilient systems for food and nutrition **Volume:** €875.000.00 Term: 01|24 - 12|26 Donor: ADA, EU

Direct target group: 31,000 Indirect target group: 155,000

Sierra Leone

SLE902

Technical assistance in support to civil society and local authorities for local development in Sierra Leone

Volume: €95,664.00 Term: 11|18 - 05|24 Donor: FU

Direct target group: local

authorities

Uganda

AUT931

CSOs and policy dialogue IV Volume: €82,500.00 Term: 01|23 – 12|25 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 165

persons

Indirect target group: 13,000

persons

UGA926

Strengthening conflict and gender sensitive community resilience in protracted crisis in Northern Uganda and Central Equatoria (SCCR)

Volume: €600,000.00 **Term:** 12|21 – 05|24

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 8,437

Indirect target group: 116,000

persons

Asia

Afghanistan

AFG903

Emergency lifesaving health & nutrition, food security & livelihood and winterization intervention in Afghanistan

Volume: €1,053,000.00 **Term:** 03|24 - 05|25 **Donor:** ADA

Direct target group: 36,930

persons

Bangladesh

BGD910

Joint action for nutrition outcome (JANO)

Volume: €11,627,607.61 **Term:** 09|18 – 06|24 **Donor:** ADA, EU

Direct target group: 897,069

persons

BGD914

Technical assistance to support social security reforms in

Bangladesh

Volume: €206,750.00 **Term:** 02|19 - 10|24

Donor: EU

Direct target group: local

authorities

Cambodia

KHM913

PlasticSmart Cambodia: Business cases and practices to combat plastic waste and pollution for a greener Cambodia

Volume: €1,666,666.67 Term: 12|24 – 12|27 Donor: ADA, EU

Direct target group: 20,327

persons

Indirect target group: 1,500,000

persons

Nepal

NPL974

Education and livelihood opportunities for marginalized girls in Nepal (Udaan V)

Volume: €135,000.00 Term: 08|23 - 08|25 Donor: Land Vorarlberg Direct target group: 1,689 persons

Indirect target group: 14,200

persons

NPL975

Climate smart villages in Madhesh Province, Nepal

Volume: €2,200,000.00 **Term:** 04|24 - 03|28

Donor: Federal Ministry Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management Republic of

Austria

Direct target group: 12,500 persons **Indirect target group:** 142,500

persons

Thailand

THA905

Migrant children learning center (Phase V)

Volume: €124,549.00 Term: 01|24 - 03|25 Donor: CARE AUT

Direct target group: 310 persons

Europe

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia

BIH966

Future for You(th): Young people as leaders of life skills education

in the Balkans Volume: €1,384,845.00 Term: 03|21 - 04|24

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 65,690 persons

Bosnia and Herzegovina

BIH972

Economic inclusion and justice for women of the Western Balkans (EWI)

Volume: €2,500,000.00 **Term:** 12|24 – 11|27 **Donor:** ADA

Direct target group: 3,605

persons

Indirect target group: 881,092

persons

BIH973

Youth for Future Volume: €250,000.00 **Term:** 07|24 - 06|25 **Donor:** BAWAG Group

Direct target group: 910 persons

Georgia

GE0947

The Cooperative Fund Volume: €50,000.00

Term: 10|19 - 03|24 Donor: CARE AUT Direct target group: 2,271

persons

Indirect target group: 5,256

persons

GE0952

Youth voices for a better future: Promoting youth participation at the local level in Georgia Volume: €375,000.00 Term: 10|23 – 11|25

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 865 persons **Indirect target group:** 4,500 persons

GE0954

Promoting green skills for sustainability (PROGRESS)
Volume: €863,000.00
Term: 06|24 – 11|26
Donor: ADA, EU

Direct target group: 307 persons **Indirect target group:** 90,000

households

GE0955

Support to Ukrainian refugees in Georgia for relief and resilience Volume: €450,000.00 Term: 01|24 - 12|24

Term: 01|24 – 12|24 **Donor:** Nachbar in Not

Direct target group: 2,104 persons

iE0956

Support to Ukrainian refugees

in Georgia

Volume: €500,000.00 **Term:** 12|24 - 03|26 **Donor:** CARE AUT

Direct target group: 1,151 persons

Kosovo

KSV905

Women's economic empowerment in rural areas of Kosovo (WEERA)

Volume: €375,000.00 **Term:** 09|22 - 11|24 **Donor:** ADA

Direct target group: 95,652

persons

Indirect target group: 60,300

persons

KSV906

Enabling income generation for the poor (EnInGeP)

Volume: €1,900,000.00

Term: 01|23 - 06|26

Donor: ADA, Republic of Kosovo - Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade

Direct target group: 10,300

persons

Countries where CARE International operates (an excerpt):

Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso (CARE AUT), Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad (CARE AUT), Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia (CARE AUT), Ivory Coast (CARE AUT), Ghana, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda (CARE AUT), Zambia, Zimbabwe. Asia: Afghanistan (CARE AUT), Bangladesh (CARE AUT), Cambodia (CARE AUT), Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal (Care Aut), Moldova, Montenegro (CARE AUT), Poland, Romania, Serbia (CARE AUT), Ukraine (CARE AUT). Middle East: Jordan (CARE AUT), Lebanon (CARE AUT), Palestinian Territories (CARE AUT)

KSV908

Advancing Kosovo women's agribusiness inclusion (AKWA)

Volume: €150,000.00 **Term:** 10|24 - 09|26 Donor: Land Vorarlberg Direct target group: 50,380

persons

Indirect target group: 300,000

persons

Ukraine

Provision of lifesaving winterization, NFI and shelter support to conflictaffected populations in Ukraine

Volume: €1,924,832.84 **Term:** 01|24 - 02|25 Donor: Nachbar in Not Direct target group: 45,397 persons

Enhancing resilience and protection through a comprehensive support to vulnerable populations in Eastern Ukraine

Volume: €1,053,000.00 **Term:** 11|24 - 10|25 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 12,760

persons

Jordan

JOR941

Promoting resilience of refugees and vulnerable host communities in Jordan (PRO-JORDAN)

Volume: €1,111,000.00 Term: 11|20 - 01|24 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 175,173

persons

Building resilience among refugees and their Jordanian hosts (Phase III)

Volume: €400,000.00 Term: 07|22 - 09|24 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 1,970 persons Indirect target group: 7,650

persons

Developing digital solutions to enhance livelihood opportunities for refugees and Jordanian host communities

Volume: €556,000.00 **Term:** 12|22 - 06|25 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 7,066 per-

Indirect target group: 600,000

JOR951

Promoting resilience of refugees and vulnerable host communities in Jordan (PRO-JORDAN II) **Volume:** €1,112,000.00 Term: 04|24 - 09|26 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 14,363

persons

J0R952

Strengthening protection and resilience among refugees and vulnerable host communities

in Jordan

Volume: €1,316,000.00 Term: 04|24 - 09|25

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 3,140

persons

Lebanon

LBN904

Emergency response to conflict escalation in Lebanon

Volume: €50,000.00 **Term:** 10|24 - 03|25 Donor: CARE AUT

Direct target group: 28,800

Palestinian Territories

WBG957

Increasing health and resilience to COVID-19 and similar crises in Palestine, West Bank **Volume:** €1,500,000.00 Term: 02|23 - 06|25

Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 3,654

persons

Indirect target group: 250,000

persons

Empowered women and vouth. resilient communities - West

Bank (AMALI)

Volume: €3,000,000.00 Term: 12|24 - 11|27 Donor: ADA

Direct target group: 5,605 per-

WRG959

Urgent, life-saving humanitarian assistance for conflict-affected women, girls, boys and men in **Palestine**

Volume: €4,774,657.68 Term: 05|24 - 03|26

Donor: EU

Direct target group: 102,046

persons

WBG960

Emergency response to conflict escalation in the Gaza strip

Volume: €100,000.00 **Term:** 11|23 - 06|24 Donor: CARE AUT

Direct target group: 4,000 per-

sons

Syria

SYR914

Protection, livelihoods and basic needs multi-sector response in Syria

Volume: €15,945,000.00 Term: 04|23 - 03|24

Donor: EU

Direct target group: 375,610

persons

Protection & basic needs multi-sector response in Syria Volume: €10,324,255.47 **Term:** 04|24 - 03|25

Donor: EU

Direct target group: 576,320

persons

Urgent protection and resilience programme for refugees in Türkiye (Phase VIII) **Volume:** €3,450,000.00

Term: 01|24 - 02|25 Donor: EU

Direct target group: 30,250

persons

TUR915

Türkiye earthquake response 2023 **Volume:** €660,000.00 **Term:** 04|23 - 08|24 Donor: Nachbar in Not Direct target group: 20,371

persons

TUR917

Emergency WASH services in Northwest Syria and legal/protection services in Türkiye for earthquake-

affected communities Volume: €810,000.00 **Term:** 12|24 - 06|25 Donor: CARE AUT

Direct target group: 130,227

persons

CARE: Global Crisis Relief. Real Impact."

Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mo<mark>rocco (Care Aut), Mozambique (Care Aut), N</mark>iger, Nigeria, Rwanda (Care Aut), Senegal, <mark>Sierra Leone (Care Aut),</mark> Somalia, South Africa, Hare Aut), Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand (Care Aut), Vietnam. Europe: Albania (Care Aut), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Care Aut), Georgia (Care Aut), Kosovo (Care Aut), I, Syria (Care Aut), Türkiye (Care Aut), Yemen. Central and South America: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru. Australia and Oceania: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024



35(ets in e	31. Dec. 2024	31. Dec. 2023
A.	FIXED ASSETS		
	Intangible assets	(1.716.50	06.004.46
	Licences and similar rights	61,716.50	96,024.48
	II. Tangible assets		
	1. Investments in rented office	104,681.47	137,351.5
	2. Office equipment	83,288.88	73,317.3
	III. Financial assets		
	1. Long-term securities (loan stock rights)	45,500.00	45,500.0
	2. Investments	726.73	726.7
		295,913.58	352,920.1
В	CURRENT ASSETS		
	. Accounts receivable and other assets		
	1. Accounts receivable from CARE project partners	12,819,911.17	7,998,941.7
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	-	60.606.0
	Accounts receivable from CARE member organizations thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	18,103.10	68,696.3
	3. Accounts receivable from EC - International Partnerships	1,693,150.52	2,821,291.6
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	-	
	4. Accounts receivable from EC - Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection	0.04	1,785,981.9
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year 5. Accounts receivable from Austrian Development Agency	- 300,339.11	407,211.2
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	500,559.11	407,211.2
	6. Accounts receivable from other institutions	627,536.14	1,074,620.9
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	-	
	7. Other receivables	38,301.31	86,628.5
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	2,100.00	2,800.0
	II. Cash on hand and bank balances	24,205,263.02	25,040,019.2
		39,702,604.41	39,283,391.7
C.	PREPAID EXPENSES AND DEFERRED CHARGES	97,987.29	108,542.5
TNT	IL ASSETS	40,096,505.28	39,744,854.3

Seal of Quality for Donations 2024 Financial Report

SOURCE OF FUNDS	2024	2023 in € 7,654,212.80 7,252,188.32
Donations a) Non-committed donations b) Committed donations	in € 7,644,991.48 5,589,706.35	
II. Membership fees III. Public sector grants IV. Other revenues a) Interest and similar income b) Other revenues not included in sections I to III	830.00 39,660,896.82 240,260.47 7.869.97	1,100.00 40,820,059.25 243,285.37 20,227.01
V. Transfer from committed funds ¹ VI. Transfer from statutory reserves	183,956.79	397,336.78
TOTAL	53,328,511.88	56,388,409.53

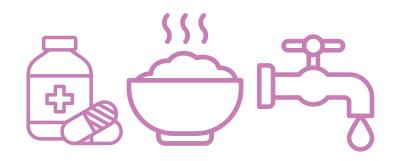
¹ Note on source of funds V and allocation of funds IV: The balance of the allocation to yet unused committed funds in the current fiscal year and the use of yet unused committed funds from previous years amounts to 3,767,250.90 in 2024.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024

Fun	ds and Liabilities in €	31. Dec. 2024	31. Dec. 2023	_
A.	NET ASSETS 1. Uncommitted funds of the Association	700,646.11	700,646.11	
	II. Statutory reserve ¹	17,852,770.83	18,036,727.62	
		18,553,416.94	18,737,373.73	- -
В.	ACCRUALS AND PROVISIONS			
	 Provisions for signed contracts Other accruals and provisions 	2,465,082.76 309,347.06	1,798,035.21 209,402.94	
		2,774,429.82	2,007,438.15	_
C.	LIABILITIES			
	thereof with a remaining term of up to one year thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	961,399.27	1,466,612.23	
	Trade accounts payable thereof with a remaining term of up to one year thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	148,750.63 148,750.63	188,344.02 188,344.02	
	Accounts payable to CARE project partners thereof with a remaining term of up to one year thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	518,309.94 <i>518,309.94</i>	1 ,238,897.71 1,238,897.71	
	3. Accounts payable to CARE member organizations thereof with a remaining term of up to one year	223,938.46 223,938.46	10,308.97 10,308.97	
	thereof with a remaining term of more than one year4. Other liabilities of which social security payables	70,400.24	29,061.53 473.19	
	thereof with a remaining term of up to one year thereof with a remaining term of more than one year	70,400.24	29,061.53 -	 Note regarding A.II. Statutory reserve: The "statutory reserve" is part of the net assets and
		961,399.27	1,466,612.23	is exclusively dedicated to to the purpose of the Association. CARE Austria controls the
D.	DEFERRED INCOME 1. Deferred income from EC - International Partnerships 2. Deferred income from EC - Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection 3. Deferred income from Austrian Development Agency 4. Other deferred income	2,409,864.33 3,226,387.76 8,883,470.94 3,287,536.22	2,224,035.89 6,266,004.82 5,928,190.35 3,115,199.17	reserves depending on its financial development. The amount of the reserve demonstrates the soundness of the organization's financial basis. CARE Austria's "financial independence" is a major
		17,807,259.25	17,533,430.23	criterion applied by the European Union with respect
TO	OTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	40,096,505.28	39,744,854.34	 to the allocation of substantial project funding.

OCATION OF FUNDS	2024	2023
	in€	in €
I. Expenses for purposes of the Association II. Donation marketing and general public relations	41,547,712.02	46,740,112.45
a) Donation marketing and general public relations	2,217,194.41	2,084,145.59
b) Donations in kind and in the form of pro-bono services	4,879,474.76	5,541,918.62
III. Administrative expenses		
a) Administrative expenses	885,072.74	645,210.40
b) Donations in kind and in the form of pro-bono services	31,807.05	31,658.75
IV. Yet unused committed funds ²	3.767.250.90	_
V. Transfer to statutory reserves	-	1,345,363.73
TOTAL	53,328,511.88	56,388,409.53

² Note on the source of 4 Note on the source of funds V and allocation of funds IV: The balance of the allocation to yet unused committed funds in the current fiscal year and the use of yet unused committed funds from provided the property of the source of the sou previous years amounts to 3,767,250.90 in 2024.



CARE International

- was active in 121 countries
- implemented 1,450 projects
- helped 53 million people

What CARE International achieved

- Economic empowerment for 5.6 million women

in the fiscal year of 2024:

- Health services for 11.5 million people

- Water and food for 19.8 million people

- Emergency aid for 21.9 million people

- Climate projects for 4.5 million people

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CARE Austria

- managed a total of 71 projects in 32 countries in 2024 - employed 45 staff members



Project expenditure without unused earmarked funds was 41.55 million euros*.

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