

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



80 years
care

Dear friends of CARE Austria,

the Russian war of aggression has plunged Ukraine into an ongoing humanitarian catastrophe. What moves us most are the children: Sasha (8) learns online because the school building was destroyed to ruins. When new windows were finally installed after a drone attack, she marvels: "Wow, it's so bright in the house!" – a sentence that says it all. CARE provides psychosocial counselling in frontline regions, protects women from violence and creates lasting local structures. Your donation makes this possible.

But it's not only Ukraine that needs CARE's support. The CARE Crisis Report 2025 shows: 43 million people suffer in crisis areas that are barely reported on – including in Zambia, Honduras, Madagascar and Burkina Faso. We support on the ground and report regularly on these forgotten crises.

Further examples of our humanitarian aid: Khamoun (13) and his brother Juma (11) fled alone from Sudan. CARE was the only organization at the border that supported them and others. In Syria, we provided 580,000 people with clean water. In Gaza, we reached more than 100,000 people despite great challenges. In Sri Lanka, we supported families after devastating floods with a fresh start – with food, drinking water and seeds.

In 2025, CARE celebrated its 80th anniversary. What began in 1945 with packages for war-torn Europe is today a global organization in over 120 countries. Herta (86), once herself a recipient of a CARE Package®, puts it perfectly: "It was always a day of happiness when a CARE Package® arrived." We carry this tradition forward – together with you. Read everything about the brand-new CARE Package® on page 16, which was developed together with people who need it.

This annual report introduces people who experienced the unimaginable. And shows your solidarity, which gives them hope. Please stay by our side. The world needs CARE. And CARE needs you.

With warm regards,

Yours,



Dr. Andrea Barschdorf-Hager
Managing Director
CARE Austria



Dr. Birgit Niessner
Chairwoman of the Board
CARE Austria



Zainab waters the plants in her small kitchen garden. The self-grown vegetables improve her family's nutrition.



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Childhood Underground

Photo: CARE

Day-care center for children.

Playing outside with other children? In Ukraine, that is not possible for security reasons.

Classes take place online or in schools underground, housed for example in former subway stations. "We see a generation of children growing up underground," says CARE crisis reporter Sarah Easter. "I spoke with a family where the children run home every time the sirens warn of an attack." The psychological consequences of growing up in war will occupy the people of Ukraine for a long time to come. >



Many children learn underground, e.g. in schools in subway stations.



Sasha only has online classes.

Photos: CARE

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No light, no water

Power outages caused by attacks on the country's infrastructure challenge the population. Often there are only three or four hours of electricity per day, and thus only during that time there is access to water and light. At night, many family homes remain dark. Last winter, heating was cut off for several weeks.

The war plunged Ukraine into an ongoing humanitarian catastrophe. More than ten million people depend on humanitarian aid, 3.7 million people have been displaced within the country. The population is fighting not only for survival, but also against trauma, despair and the loss of life prospects.

Is it day or night?

Anna's family lived in darkness for months after the windows of their house in Iziium were shattered in a nightly drone attack. Anna (40) covered them with wooden boards. "We could not distinguish between day and night. That was very distressing psychologically," she says. CARE's partner organization CFSSS replaced the broken windows. When the light returned, Sasha (8) stood in the room and said: "Wow, it's so bright in the house!"

Like many Ukrainian children, Sasha only has online classes. Going to school would be too dangerous. The nearby school building is a ruin that has not been rebuilt. Sasha's small desk is covered with colorful paper, books and pens. A math notebook lies open: $7 - 3 = 4$. Next to it is a timetable decorated with figures from "My Little Pony."

"I miss the real school"

Monday begins with "I Explore the World." That is Sasha's favorite subject, followed by Ukrainian, Sports, English, and ends after the 5th lesson with Reading. Sasha misses her real classroom. "I miss the real school and my friends and teachers." In the subject "I Explore the World" she is allowed to briefly leave the house. The tasks are small discoveries like freezing or boiling water or collecting leaves of different colors. Sasha explores the garden and the house but never strays too far and is always under her mother's supervision.

Outside, chickens and geese run freely. The windows of the neighboring house are still boarded up.



Photos: Sarah Easter/CARE

Anna and her daughter Sasha lived in darkness in their house for months. "That was very distressing."

How CARE Helps

CARE supports families with emergency aid and psychosocial counselling. Together with the local partner organization Avalyst, CARE offers families in frontline regions psychosocial counselling in the form of individual and group sessions. Women and girls also receive offers for protection against gender-based violence and legal advice. Mobile teams travel to people who live in remote areas or have limited or no mobility. So that the aid also has a lasting effect, CARE specifically trains volunteers from communities as well as local professionals.

Staff at counselling centers, communities and shelters learn how to identify signs of violence or psychological crises early and respond appropriately. This creates lasting local structures. The project is funded by the Austrian Development Agency within the framework of International Partnerships Austria. In total, more than 7,700 project participants are expected to benefit.

CARE also provides support for people in Ukraine together with other aid organizations within the framework of NACHBAR IN NOT.

Forgotten Crises

For ten years, the CARE Crisis Report has shown which humanitarian catastrophes the world barely notices. Without attention, life-saving aid is withheld.

43 million people live in areas of crisis that are barely reported on. This is not an abstract number. They are mothers who cannot feed their children. Families fleeing violence. The elderly and the sick, waiting for help that never comes. The CARE Crisis Report makes them visible.



https://www.care.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CARE-Crisis-Report_English_Final.pdf

Read the full report here.

**10 Years
CARE Crisis
Report**

For the report, the media monitoring service Meltwater analyzed around five million online articles in five languages. From this, the list of ten crisis countries was created.

"Lack of visibility has grave consequences for people's lives," says Andrea Barschdorf-Hager, Managing Director of CARE Austria. "For ten years we have systematically analyzed which crises receive the least media attention. We look where others look away."

Ten years of being forgotten

The Central African Republic ranked first in 2025. The humanitarian crisis in this country recorded the least media coverage worldwide. In the CARE Report, the Central African Republic was represented in the list for the tenth consecutive year. Alongside African states, Honduras and North Korea are also among the neglected crises this time.

While the spotlight is directed at individual conflicts such as Gaza and Ukraine, others disappear. **The CARE Report on forgotten crises is more than an analysis: it is a call to action.**



Photo: Ines Innahazwe/CARE

Lack of visibility has grave consequences for people's lives.

Families in Burundi waiting for help after flooding.

Poverty and Drought

Burkina Faso

Violence, hunger, weather extremes: Burkina Faso sinks deeper into crisis every year. Since 2015, attacks by terrorist groups have shaken the West African landlocked state, particularly in the border regions with Mali and Niger.

According to the World Bank, more than 40 percent of the approximately 23 million inhabitants live below the poverty line. About 4.5 million people depend on humanitarian aid. Violence and conflict have displaced more than two million residents, who are fleeing within the country.

Fight for survival

Those who cannot flee are fighting for survival. Farmer Limata (60) has lost everything. The situation is too unsafe. It has become too dangerous because of the fighting to tend the fields. Yet her farming previously fed her family.

Millions of people in Burkina Faso are in the same situation as Limata. Where farming is still possible, the climate crisis threatens people's livelihoods. Drought and flooding destroy what grows in the fields. Hunger and malnutrition are spreading.

CARE has been working there since 2017. We specifically empower women and girls. Because in crises, they are most easily forgotten. "I received rice, maize, oil and seeds," says Limata. She now harvests vegetables in a small garden. Her family has food again.

CARE supports families with food and seeds. For the purification and storage of drinking water, people receive water purification tablets, buckets and canisters.



Photo: CARE

Too little water, too little food: millions of people live below the poverty line.

CARE specifically empowers women. In crises, they are often forgotten.



Finally, water! The new pump makes life easier for the village women.



CARE and partner organization WU PAKUWE rehabilitate wells and water pumps.

We train the population in measures against violence against women. This project is funded by ADA within the framework of Partnerships Austria from the funds of the Foreign Disaster Relief Fund.

South Sudan

Children Fleeing Alone

"It was hard for us.
We were hungry and thirsty,"
says Khamoun (1.).

Photos: Sarah Easter/CARE

Khamoun (13) and his brother Juma (11) lost their mother and their home when fighting broke out in their hometown in Sudan. They made their way alone to South Sudan.

It was five o'clock in the morning when the brothers heard the first shots. Panic broke out. People ran in all directions. The mother of the two also ran. "I could only see her back, and then she was gone," says Khamoun, looking down at the ground. "We couldn't find her. There were so many people. There were so many backs, but none of them belonged to our mum." Khamoun and Juma continued to run alone – just away from the shooting and to simply some other place. Sometimes they were alone. Sometimes they moved on with groups of strangers. "We didn't talk to each other. Everyone had their own problems." The groups grew smaller over time. People disappeared, turned back or got lost along the way.

Where is our mother?

At first Juma still asked many questions: Where is our mother? What is she doing? Is she still alive? Eventually he stopped. "We just kept walking," says Khamoun. They slept in bushes along the way. They walked when the sun was out and hid when it set. With each day their exhaustion grew. "In the middle of the day it was very hard for us when hunger and thirst set in. So, we tried to walk faster to find someone again." They got food and water from people they met: from village residents or other refugees. >



By Sarah Easter,
CARE Crisis Reporter

We just kept walking."

Khamoun



Bakhita (r.) took in her nephews Khamoun and Juma.

They do not remember how long they were fleeing. "It was very long, weeks or months. I don't know. Every day was just as hard as the next. We just kept walking, over mountains and through the desert. And every day we were further from our mum." As if by a miracle, they found their aunt Bakhita after they had crossed the border into South Sudan.

If we have to close, people will die."

Peter Gufi, CARE employee

Exhausted and weakened

The brothers kept asking until someone knew their name. "We cried when we found her," says Khamoun. Bakhita had fled earlier and had stopped near the border in Jau, too exhausted to move further into the interior of the country like many others. She stayed, even though there was barely anything there. It is a small settlement with a lake as a water source and a basic health facility. CARE operates the facility in a project funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Bakhita took in her nephews. They now live together in a small hut, a few hundred meters from the clinic. Juma has been frequently ill since arriving. It is unclear whether it is because of the dirty water or the long journey. He receives help at the health station. He is often so exhausted that he cannot sit upright. He moves slowly. His eyes are sunken.

People will die

The health center treats 30 to 40 patients daily. Malaria, malnutrition and care for mothers before or after birth are the most common cases. For many, it is the first and only place where they receive medical care after crossing the border. "This health facility has saved many lives," says Peter Gufi, a CARE employee in Jau. "If we have to close, people will die." The project is running out of funds, as humanitarian aid budgets are being cut world-wide. If it is discontinued, refugees who arrive at the end of their strength will no longer receive any support. Here, CARE is the only organization providing help.



Children fleeing

Since the outbreak of the conflict, millions of people have fled from Sudan, including about five million children. In South Sudan, more than half of the refugees are under 18 years old. They arrive weakened and often malnourished. Some have lost contact with their families, some were already fleeing without their parents or relatives. Some do not know if anyone is still alive.

The CARE health center near the Sudan border is the only place where refugee women and children can find help.

Syria

The Long Wait for Water

How a village in Syria is bracing itself against the climate crisis with water storage tanks and solar systems.

In the north of the country there is barely any drinking water.

Farmer Mustafa in front of his solar system.



Photos: Sarah Easter/CARE

With the support of the European Union, CARE has rehabilitated the water station next to the tower and installed a solar system. Every day, a different village takes its turn.

“Soon it's water day”

Noura gets up at sunrise on water day. She opens the taps and waits. When the water flows, she fills the red tank on the roof and starts cleaning. She pulls the carpets outside and sprays them with the hose.

On days without water, there is no cleaning, no showering for the family of four. “Yesterday we ran out of water. But I told my children not to worry. Soon the water will come back,” says Noura. >



Noura makes use of water day.

Mustafa (40) waits for water. He waits for rain so that the seeds in his field will grow. And he waits for the allocation of water for his village in the Al-Hasaka province in northeastern Syria. Only four hours water is running in his house, only every four days. It comes from a huge water tower that supplies five villages in the area. “Finally, it's water day,” his wife Noura (37) says joyfully.

Emergency aid and reconstruction

Around **16.5 million people** in Syria depend on humanitarian aid. **CARE provides more than 580,000 people with clean water and cash assistance** for the most urgently needed goods with the support of the EU. We build and rehabilitate wells, village water points and storage facilities. This gives residents access to clean water again and sanitary facilities with toilets and handwashing stations. Wastewater is collected and disposed of.

Mustafa works as a day laborer and drives tractors when there is work. The family has their own water pump. That is rare in the village. But the groundwater level has dropped significantly. It takes about ten minutes for the pump to get water to the house.

The family can only operate it with the solar panels on their roof. A generator or electricity that they do not produce themselves is too expensive for them.

In Al-Hasaka, hope looks like clouds that finally promise rain. It consists of wheat seeds waiting in dry earth, and glittering solar systems. It looks like people who get to work as soon as the pump starts, and laughter when the water comes.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUzMbW-aqQo>

Video on a water project in Syria

Gaza



Living in Ruins

No toilet, no bathroom and often no water: Families live in overcrowded emergency shelters, in tents or buildings that resemble ruins more than homes. They live without functioning sanitary facilities and are crowded together without privacy. When it rains, the sewage channels overflow. Diseases spread rapidly under these poor hygienic conditions.

Together with our partner organizations, we set up mobile toilet facilities, build or repair latrines and waste disposal systems. We train residents in maintenance to secure operations long term.

Where clean drinking water is lacking, we set up water tanks and install compact desalination systems in communal shelters. We distribute CARE Packages® with hygiene items and show children and young people hygiene measures that they can implement to protect themselves from infections despite the difficult situation. Families also receive mattresses, sleeping mats and blankets.

With financial support from the European Union, CARE and its local partner organizations PARC and MA'AN help more than 100,000 people in Gaza.



Hygiene training sessions in Gaza.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ojiu2-e-rl>

Video on hygiene project in Gaza

CARE Austria deeply condemns the brutal terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023 as well as any violence against civilian populations. CARE continues to demand compliance with international humanitarian law and unimpeded access to humanitarian aid. CARE's work is guided exclusively by the humanitarian mandate and human rights.

Southeast Asia

After the Cyclone, the Floods

Enormous amounts of rain cause severe flooding in 2025. Sri Lanka is particularly hard hit.

After Cyclone "Ditwah," many parts of the island are under water. Hundreds of people die as their houses are flooded. Tens of thousands of buildings are destroyed. Many families lose everything. In Sri Lanka, more than 2.4 million people are affected, in Indonesia about one million.

"This disaster reminds us how vulnerable South Asia is to climate change," says Ashika Gunasena, Managing Director of Chrysalis (Note: Chrysalis is the name of CARE in Sri Lanka). "Women and girls in poverty are most severely affected, from Sri Lanka to India and Pakistan." >



Photo: Chrysalis

CARE helps after flooding in Sri Lanka.



Foto: APA-Images / AFP / Ishara S. Kodikara

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Nepal

"My vegetables thrive. I hardly have any more pests," says Shanti.

Women and girls without protection

In disasters, they are exposed to increased risks. As houses are destroyed and emergency shelters are overcrowded, many families sleep outdoors or in makeshift shelters – without lighting, safe washrooms or privacy. For women and girls, protection from assault is lacking.

For weeks, the streets have been underwater. The power grid has broken down in many parts of Sri Lanka and must be rebuilt. About 12,000 families must leave their homes because they are in areas with a high risk of landslides. The cyclone destroyed large parts of agriculture. Nothing was left standing in the fields, and the harvests failed.

Muddy drinking water

Already in the first weeks after the disaster, many families use up their last food supplies. 15,000 children are at risk of acute malnutrition. During the flooding, mud seeps into water tanks in some villages.

CARE provides life-saving emergency aid and delivers clean water, food, emergency shelters, and hygiene items. CARE Austria participates financially in the emergency aid for Sri Lanka. Despite the most difficult conditions, the local team succeeds in bringing urgently needed relief supplies quickly to the people.

Seeds and fertilizer for the fields

Families in Sri Lanka now face the difficult task of rebuilding their lives after the flooding. They need support that goes beyond immediate aid and helps them restore their homes and livelihoods.

CARE promotes the restart of agriculture in the damaged coastal regions of Puttalam and Mannar. Small-scale farmers receive seeds, fertilizer and tools to replant. Only in this way can harvests resume as quickly as possible.

Growth from Waste

An agricultural project implements sustainable measures against the climate crisis: From cow dung and kitchen waste, valuable compost is created.

Shanti (33) beams as she talks about her earthworms. Since the farmer began using the worms to turn organic waste into compost, the plants in her fields have thrived and yields have been rising. "The worm compost has saved my soil and my livelihood," she says.

Previously, Shanti used chemical fertilizer. This resulted in depleted soils, a disrupted ecosystem and financial insecurity. "Climate change with irregular rainfall, droughts and sudden pest infestations made everything even worse," she reports.

The turning point came with the project "Climate Smart Villages Nepal." Shanti learned methods for adapting to the climate crisis. These included water-saving techniques such as mulching and the reuse of water for the fields.

But the breakthrough came with the earthworms. In just three months, 1.5 tons of nutrient-rich organic fertilizer were produced from cow dung and kitchen waste. The result exceeded all expectations: "My eggplant, lettuce and chili plants grew more vigorously, and pests occurred significantly less often."

In the meantime, Shanti actively passes on her knowledge to her village: "Together we have already produced about 2.5 tons of fertilizer." The effect is doubly positive: "We save money and eat healthier organic food," she says.

Shanti belongs to a growing group of small-scale farmers in Nepal who use innovative and climate-friendly methods. They also contribute to a sustainable agricultural future for the country. The project is funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management.

Organic fertilizer sustainably secures yields on Shanti's fields.

Photos: CARE

80 Years of CARE

What does it mean to receive help?

Then

Herta

Herta grew up as a Sudeten German in a small Czech community. One night in the summer of 1945, her family had to flee without documents and only with the clothes on their backs. Fear, loss and hunger shaped Herta. "Someone once gave me a jam sandwich along the way. I was so grateful," she says.

Upon arriving in Vienna, Herta was taken in by relatives. Her uncle was a violinist but could no longer play due to a gunshot injury. As a laborer he received only a pittance, which had to support the whole family.

Life in the post-war period was difficult. The CARE Packages® helped many families during this time. Herta and her relatives also received help. "It was always a day of happiness when a package arrived. It was better than Christmas."

Although Herta was still very young at the time, she remembers the contents precisely: "There was rice in it, sugar, pulses, the first chewing gum of my life, flour, biscuits, even coffee. There were tins with meat and tins with soup. Everything was sensational."

Today Herta is lovingly called "Grandma of the Nation" by her family. She is very active. Tolerance and compassion are not mere words for her. It is important for her to be there for other people. For this reason, she has been donating to CARE for many years. **"For me the CARE Package® was an absolute lifesaver. I think of CARE with gratitude."**



It was always a day of happiness when a CARE Package® arrived."



Decades separate Herta and Anisha. What connects them is the shared experience of having found a way out of hunger and poverty with the support of CARE.

Today

Anisha

Studying medicine and helping the people in her village: that is what Anisha (12) wishes for. But while her friends were allowed to continue going to school, Anisha had to stay home and do housework. "I was sad when I saw them. I really wanted to learn with them." Anisha's parents work as day laborers. They lack money for her education.

On top of that, the way to school was very long. For only three years she was able to attend school before her parents were forced to take her out of school. And that's how it would have remained without CARE's help. While many girls in Nepal drop out of classes permanently, Anisha managed to return. She was accepted into the education project UDAAN. In a CARE school she was able to catch up on the missed school material within just one year and switch to a regular school.

Anisha holds on to her life dream of becoming a doctor. She is highly motivated. Her sister also loves learning very much. Both wish to be able to continue their education. The CARE project UDAAN is supported by the Austrian State of Vorarlberg.

I'm finally back in school! I want to learn so much!"

History of CARE

2025

CARE has supported 1.16 billion people (since 1945)

1986

Foundation of CARE Austria

1955

The last CARE Package® is sent to Austria.

1946

From 1946, about one million CARE Packages® were sent to Austria.

1945

CARE was founded in 1945 in New York to support people in war-torn Europe in the post-war period.



Emergency Aid

80 years after its founding as a humanitarian organization, CARE has further developed the CARE Package®.

The New CARE Package®



The new CARE Package® for emergency aid consists of three parts that can be carried together or separately. They contain almost 40 life-essential relief items. A family of four can get by with them for up to four weeks.

It was designed so that one person can transport it on foot even under the most difficult conditions. The system of three bags distributes the weight around the waist and leaves the hands free, making it possible to carry a child at the same time. This is important because CARE specifically supports women in crisis situations, who often provide for their families alone.

In the new CARE Package®, the basic equipment consists of tarpaulins, solar lamps, cooking utensils, water containers, and hygiene items. The other contents

are adapted to local conditions. It takes into account the climate or cultural customs of the country where the package is distributed. It can, for example, be supplemented with mosquito nets, water treatment products, insect repellent, or blankets.

Designed for the most difficult conditions

The modern CARE Package® has already been used in several countries. In Bangladesh, Nepal, Mozambique and Malawi, it supplied families in need after cyclones, floods or earthquakes.

80 years ago, the first CARE Packages® arrived in Europe. For the hungry population in the post-war years, this aid was decisive.

To this day, the CARE Package® stands for support and the thought of people who urgently need it. Over the years, CARE has built a strong network for global humanitarian operations and development cooperation. The new package continues with the tradition of aid that began in 1945.

The new "CARE Package® for Emergencies" was designed so that one person can carry it on foot alone. Here it is seen in Mozambique.

Photo: CARE

Seal of Quality for Donations 2025 Financial Report

Source of funds

	2025	2024
	in €	in €
I. Donations		
a) Non-committed donations	6,639,879.40	7,644,991.48
b) Committed donations	8,259,391.54	5,589,706.35
II. Membership fees	1,540.40	830.00
III. Public sector grants	27,467,952.84	39,660,896.82
IV. Other revenues		
a) Interest and similar income	253,858.77	240,260.47
b) Other revenues not included in sections I to III	36,400.93	7,869.97
V. Transfer from committed funds¹	4,385,130.07	-
VI. Transfer from statutory reserves	369,886.94	183,956.79
TOTAL	47,414,040.89	53,328,511.88

Allocation of funds

	2025	2024
	in €	in €
I. Expenses for purposes of the Association	37,294,003.34	41,547,712.02
II. Donation marketing and general public relations		
a) Donation marketing and general public relations	2,442,362.21	2,217,194.41
b) Donations in kind and in the form of pro-bono services	6,797,281.88	4,879,474.76
III. Administrative expenses		
a) Administrative expenses	846,453.60	885,072.74
b) Donations in kind and in the form of pro-bono services	33,939.87	31,807.05
IV. Yet unused committed funds¹	-	3,767,250.90
V. Transfer to statutory reserves	-	-
TOTAL	47,414,040.89	53,328,511.88

¹ Note on the source of funds V and allocation of funds IV: The balance of the use of yet unused committed funds from previous years and the allocation to yet unused committed fund in the current fiscal year amounts to 4,385,130.07 in 2025.

Board of CARE Austria 2025



From l. to r.:

Dr. Birgit Niessner
(Chairwoman),
Dr. Andrea Barschdorf-Hager
(Managing Director),
Dr. Michael Obrovsky
(Vice President).

Additionally, on the board in 2025, but not in the picture:

Mag. Peter Zorn (Treasurer),
Dr. Ursula Baatz,
Dr. Irene Giner-Reichl,
Mag. Irene Horejs,
Mag. Katinka Nowotny,
Mag. Gerhard Schuster,
Dr. Melita H. Sunjic.

CARE What We Do

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



Women and Girls

CARE places women and girls at the center. Only the empowerment of women and girls can bring about a societal change that enables a secure future for women but also for men. Poverty can only be overcome when all people have equal rights and opportunities.



Self-determined Life

CARE is active worldwide to save lives. We see our task primarily in humanitarian aid and innovation in the implementation of programs that sustainably strengthen and effectively give support.

Sustainability

CARE Austria has been investing for years in reducing and offsetting its own ecological footprint.



For the year 2025, CARE Austria received a certificate from "myclimate" for the compensation of 30.4 tons of CO₂. The CO₂ we compensate is generated mainly by energy consumption and heating.

Through our compensation, we support climate projects in Africa and Asia. The projects meet the highest standards (Gold Standard) and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. The climate measures not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also promote social, ecological and economic development.

A further 82.3 tons of CO₂ are compensated by CARE via "atmosfair." This amount of CO₂ comes from international flights. "Atmosfair" supports the use of efficient cooking systems in Nigeria, drinking water for pupils in Togo and the maintenance of biogas plants in Nepal.

In 2025, the Österreichische Post AG compensated 11.6 tons of CO₂ for CARE Austria, which had been generated by the delivery of 1.4 million letters in Austria.

Programs

CARE Austria managed 65 projects in 35 countries in 2025 and employed 46 staff members in Vienna.



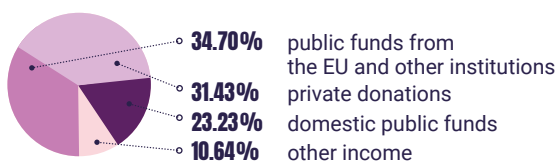
Advocacy

The following issues are particularly important to CARE: **empowerment of women, commitment to peace and security, humanitarian aid and protection of climate and environment.**



CARE Austria in Numbers

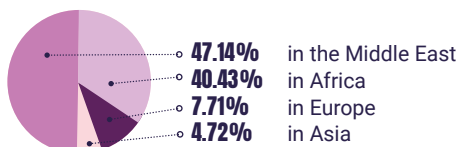
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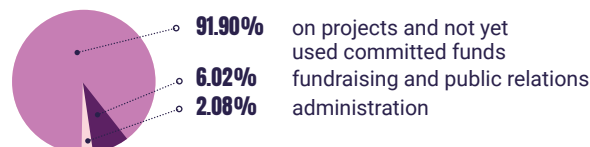
Project expenditure



Project expenditure by region



Expenditure by use



CARE International achieved in 2025:

Assistance for 58.7 million people in 121 countries in 1,467 projects.

- Healthcare services for 11.5 million people
- Water and food for 19.8 million people
- Emergency aid for 21.9 million people
- Economic support for 5.6 million women
- Climate projects for 4.5 million people

New Initiative for Global Challenges: AI for Social Impact

Ars Electronica x CARE Austria

How can AI bring about positive changes in the social, ecological, and humanitarian context.

Economic disruptions, unequal power structures and ecological crises are worsening living conditions worldwide. They make new approaches to humanitarian aid and development cooperation necessary. Artificial intelligence can help with this, also providing that technology is developed together with the people who are meant to benefit from it. Through its application, local actors are supported independently overcoming challenges and setting important courses for sustainable development.

To promote this, Ars Electronica and CARE Austria are launching the AI for Social Impact Initiative – Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Social Change. Interdisciplinary projects will be awarded prizes for exploring how AI can bring about positive changes in the social, ecological, and humanitarian context. Topics include climate resilience, food security, health, education, and crisis management. Practical relevance is important:

targeted support of people or application to specific challenges. Projects from Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia as well as the Middle East and North Africa are particularly taken into account.

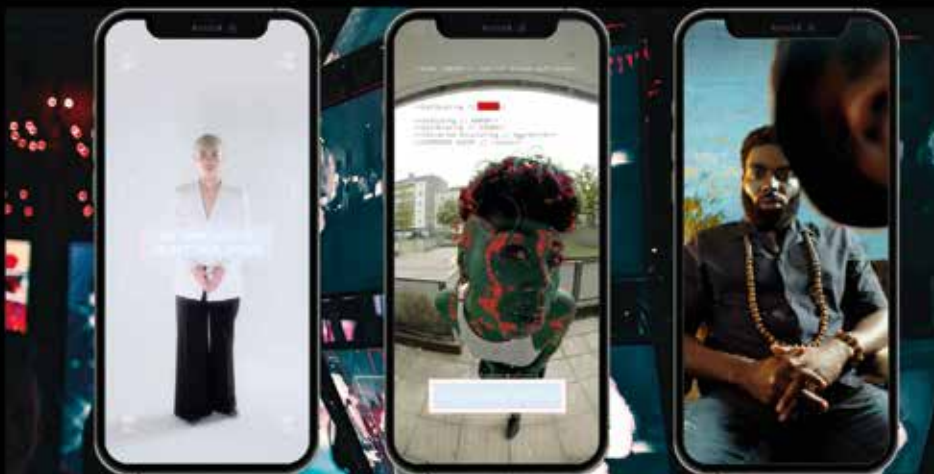
Long-term commitment

The AI for Social Impact Initiative aims to achieve sustainable impact. A prerequisite for this is transparent development and use of technology, especially AI. Consistent consideration of ethical, ecological and democracy-political aspects is also required. Both criteria are of central importance in the selection of projects.

On CARE's 80th anniversary, the AI for Social Impact Initiative stands for future-oriented commitment and the further development of decades of humanitarian and development policy expertise.

AI for Social Impact Initiative

A collaboration between CARE Austria & Ars Electronica



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The Power of Philanthropy

Taking Responsibility Together

Private engagement makes aid projects possible.



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A CARE project in Gaza.

We face great challenges worldwide. Climate change, social inequality, the energy crisis – the list is long and the urgency is undeniable. Public funds alone cannot cope with the societal challenges of our time.

Precisely where rapid, flexible, and innovative action is required, private engagement makes a decisive difference. Philanthropy is not a competition to the welfare state, but a valuable and necessary complement.

The term "philanthropy" literally means the love of people. Today it stands for voluntary, responsible engagement for the common good. It often involves bringing about sustainable improvements for society strategically. People with greater financial means can particularly bring about great change.

How powerful philanthropic engagement is, shows the example of a supporter from Salzburg: Thanks to her generous support, the remaining financial need for our emergency aid project in the Gaza Strip could be fully covered. This allows families in emergency shelters to

receive clean water. CARE also sets up waste disposal and provides relief items such as hygiene products, tents, blankets, mattresses and cooking equipment. For the people in Gaza, this means protection, dignity, and security.

Sustainable solutions together

Since 2022, several non-profit organizations have been pooling their efforts to strengthen the culture of giving and to build a platform for exchange and orientation. Under the umbrella of the Philanthropy Initiative "Phil Geld. Phil Gutes" organizations are networking with engaged personalities, foundations, and partners from business and finance.

The aim is to accompany people in giving, to make philanthropic commitment more visible and to create appreciation for it in public. We are convinced: sustainable solutions arise through working together. As part of this initiative, CARE Austria builds bridges – between people who want to help and those who urgently need support.

More information about the Philanthropy Initiative can be found at philgutes.at

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Andrea Barschdorf-Hager (center) with members of her team at the ceremony.

Photo: CARE

High distinction for Andrea Barschdorf-Hager

The long-serving Managing Director of **CARE Austria** was awarded the **Golden Decoration of Honor of the Republic of Austria** in April 2026 for her services to humanitarian aid and development cooperation. "For me this distinction is both a mandate and a responsibility," says Andrea Barschdorf-Hager.

The extraordinary commitment of Barschdorf-Hager was honored; she has led CARE Austria since 2009 and has shaped and further developed it since then.

Cooperations

A strong partner at our side: CC Real

As a Platinum Sponsor, **CC Real** (Millennium City and WIEN MITTE The Mall) has been supporting the worldwide work of CARE since 2017 and makes important projects possible that would otherwise be barely fundable. Our partner lends our topics valuable visibility: for example, CC Real sponsors the podcast series "**CARE in Action**," the "**Forgotten Crises**" press visit to CARE projects as well as content productions for campaigns. We sincerely thank you for the many years of wonderful support!

"Bringing more together"

When a package not only brings joy but also saves lives: Under the motto "**Bringing more together**," the **Österreichische Post AG** and **CARE Austria** once again set a strong sign of solidarity in 2025. For every box sold, the Post donated 50 cents to the emergency aid of CARE Austria to support people in crisis regions. **CARE Austria sincerely thanks the agency Wien Nord Serviceplan**, which designed the package design pro bono.



Podcast "CARE in Action"

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Opportunities instead of hopelessness

With the CARE project "**Future for Youth**," we are equipping young people in Serbia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina for a self-determined life in cooperation with BAWAG. Whether smart financial literacy, digital skills or violence prevention – we help make them ready to enter the workforce. **A heartfelt thank you to the BAWAG Group.**

Majd lives with his family in a camp for displaced persons in Syria.

Photo: Ahmed Oumari/CARE

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CARE Programs 2025



Mozambique

Several countries

AUT928
Program support to CARE global experts teams
Volume: € 273,330.87
Term: 07|21 – 12|25
Donor: CARE AUT

AUT930
Food systems transformation in southern Africa for One Health (FoSTA-Health)
Volume: € 99,717.50
Term: 10|22 – 03|26
Donor: EU
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 persons

Africa

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: 9,114 households
Indirect target group: 18,959 persons

BFA901
Multisectoral humanitarian response to the humanitarian crisis in the Boucle of Mouhoun region, Burkina Faso
Volume: € 2,106,000.00
Term: 04|24 – 05|26
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 34,200 persons

Chad

TCD912
Projet 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: 283,089 persons
Indirect target group: 815,296 persons

TCD913
Projet 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: 205,089 persons
Indirect target group: 592,473 persons

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: EU
Direct target group: 41,842 persons
Indirect target group: 251,052 persons

Ethiopia

ETH952
RELIVES: Resilient livelihoods and sustainable ecosystems in the Simien Mountains National Park (SMNP)
Volume: € 3,333,333.33
Term: 11|22 – 02|26
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 164,239 persons
Indirect target group: 53,490 persons

ETH955
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



Ethiopia

ETH960
Post-conflict medical and mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) services to gender-based violence survivors and conflict-affected communities in Amhara Regional State (ARISE)
Volume: € 3,300,000.00
Term: 12|25 – 11|29
Donor: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 129,600 persons

ETH961
Livelihood for Resilience in Sidama (L4R)
Volume: € 696,719.43
Term: 08|25 – 12|27
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 16,899 persons
Indirect target group: 38,900 persons

Côte d'Ivoire

CIV900
Projet de renforcement des systèmes alimentaires durables en Côte d'Ivoire (PRESACI)
Sustainable food systems
Volume: € 3,888,890.00
Term: 03|24 – 02|28
Donor: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 18,150 persons
Indirect target group: 100,000 persons

Ghana

GHA900
Capacity development for humanitarian assistance, development and peace in West Africa (HAWA)
Volume: € 500,290.00
Term: 11|25 – 11|29
Donor: ADA, MoD
Direct target group: 1,189 persons
Indirect target group: 100,000 persons

CARE Programs 2025

Mozambique

MOZ930
Prepare, respond, and protect. Addressing the needs and protection concerns of crisis-affected 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 persons

MOZ931
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: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 31,000 persons
Indirect target group: 155,000 persons

Sudan

SDN904
Emergency WASH services for refugees in Gedaref, Sudan
Volume: € 70,000.00
Term: 04|25 – 08|25
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 26,239 persons



Sierra Leone

Uganda

AUT931
CSOs and policy dialogue IV
Volume: € 82,500.00
Term: 01|23 – 12|25
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 281 persons
Indirect target group: 7,819 persons

Zambia

ZMB902
Creating opportunities for re-entry to formal education and access to vocational and alternative pathways for female adolescents dropping out of school (EAGER)
Volume: € 2,200,000.00
Term: 08|25 – 01|29
Donor: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 54,070 persons
Indirect target group: 1,000,000 persons

Asia

Afghanistan

AF6903
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

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: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 20,327 persons
Indirect target group: 1,500,000 persons

Myanmar

MMR925
Gender-sensitive multisector response to earthquake-affected people in Myanmar
Volume: € 300,000.00
Term: 07|25 – 04|26
Donor: Nachbar in Not
Direct target group: 8,883 persons

MMR926
Rebuilding hope: cash assistance for shelter repair and reconstruction for earthquake-affected populations in Mandalay Region, Myanmar
Volume: € 66,000.00
Term: 12|25 – 05|26
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 798 persons

Nepal

NPL974
Education and livelihood opportunities for marginalized girls in Nepal (Udaan V)
Volume: € 135,000.00
Term: 08|23 – 08|25
Donor: Federal State 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: Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management
Direct target group: 12,500 persons
Indirect target group: 142,500 persons

NPL979
Unleashing new narratives for advancing transformative, inclusive education through UDAAN (Unnati)
Volume: € 50,000.00
Term: 11|25 – 11|26
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 1,166 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

THA906
Migrant children learning center (Phase VI)
Volume: € 58,541.43
Term: 07|25 – 12|25
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 297 persons

Eastern Europe

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: 440,546 persons

BIH973
Youth for Future
Volume: € 250,000.00
Term: 07|24 – 06|25
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 910 persons

Georgia

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: 2,094 persons
Indirect target group: 10,900 persons

GE0954
Promoting green skills for sustainability (PROGRESS)
Volume: € 863,000.00
Term: 06|24 – 11|26
Donor: EU, ADA
Direct target group: 307 persons
Indirect target group: 90,000 households

GE0956
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

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: 11,485 persons

KSV908
Advancing Kosovo women's agribusiness inclusion (AKWA)
Volume: € 150,000.00
Term: 10|24 – 09|26
Donor: Federal State Vorarlberg
Direct target group: 50,380 persons
Indirect target group: 300,000 persons



Ukraine

CARE strengthens women and girls

Ukraine

UKR906
Provision of lifesaving winterization, NFI and shelter support to conflict-affected populations in Ukraine
Volume: € 1,924,832.84
Term: 01|24 – 02|25
Donor: Nachbar in Not
Direct target group: 45,397 persons

UKR907
Enhancing resilience and protection through a comprehensive support to vulnerable populations in eastern Ukraine
Volume: € 1,053,000.00
Term: 11|24 – 12|25
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 12,760 persons

UKR908
Gender- and age-responsive hygiene support for conflict-affected populations on the move and in hard-to-reach areas in Ukraine
Volume: € 316,666.67
Term: 03|25 – 12|25
Donor: Nachbar in Not
Direct target group: 5,000 persons

UKR909
Social protection and mobile healthcare support for vulnerable populations in frontline areas of eastern Ukraine
Volume: € 340,000.00
Term: 11|25 – 05|26
Donor: Nachbar in Not
Direct target group: 3,568 persons

UKR910
Strengthening resilient protection systems and urgent services for women, girls, and other most-at-risk groups of people in East and South Ukraine
Volume: € 1,053,000.00
Term: 12|25 – 12|26
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 7,792 persons



Middle East

Jordan

JOR948
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 persons
Indirect target group: 600,000 persons

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

JOR952
Strengthening protection and resilience among refugees and vulnerable host communities in Jordan
Volume: € 2,369,000.00
Term: 04|24 – 06|27
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 6,020 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 persons

Morocco

MAR901
Earthquake emergency response Morocco
Volume: € 346,007.00
Term: 12|24 – 03|26
Donor: CARE AUT
Direct target group: 610 persons

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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

WBG958
Empowered women and youth, resilient communities - West Bank (AMALI)
Volume: € 3,000,000.00
Term: 12|24 – 11|27
Donor: ADA
Direct target group: 5,605 persons

WBG959
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

Syria

SYR915
Protection & basic needs multi-sector response in Syria
Volume: € 10,324,255.47
Term: 04|24 – 03|25
Donor: EU
Direct target group: 506,175 persons

SYR917
Restoring dignity: multi-sectoral assistance for vulnerable communities in northern Syria
Volume: € 8,422,500.00
Term: 04|25 – 05|26
Donor: EU
Direct target group: 588,542 persons

SYR918
Winterization support to the most vulnerable populations in Northwest Syria (NWS)
Volume: € 99,867.94
Term: 08|25 – 12|25
Donor: Nachbar in Not
Direct target group: 2,520 persons

Türkiye

TUR914
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

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

TUR918
Enhancing protection and access to legal aid for most-vulnerable refugees in Adana
Volume: € 840,000.00
Term: 07|25 – 06|26
Donor: EU
Direct target group: 3,740 persons

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