

2010-14 Climate Change Strategic Plan (CCSP) summary

Themes	Goals	Specific Objectives	Major Outcomes
<p>1. Social justice, gender equality & empowerment</p>	<p>CARE is modelling a) how climate change policies, strategies and programmes can integrate social justice, gender equality and empowerment, and b) how women's empowerment and other programmes can integrate the additional challenges posed by climate change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CI Members and Country Offices have begun factoring the impacts of climate change into the design of women's empowerment and other programmes with attention to human conditions, social position and enabling environment; • CI Members, Country Offices and key implementing partners have greater knowledge and skills to mainstream a social justice and gender equality perspective into their climate change policies, strategies and programmes; • CARE's action-research and communications campaigns have made a significant contribution to key stakeholders' understanding of, and attention to, the role of women and other marginalised people in building household, community and social adaptive capacity; • CARE has become recognised as a leader in promoting the interests and rights of women in CC advocacy and programming; and • PECCN has assessed its contribution to social justice, gender equality and empowerment in annual reports to its Steering Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The international community has agreed on policies to minimise the risk of catastrophic climate change and help the world's most vulnerable people live in security and dignity despite those changes that are already unavoidable.
<p>2. Global Advocacy</p>	<p>CARE is modelling a) how climate change policies, strategies and programmes can integrate social justice, gender equality and empowerment, and b) how women's empowerment and other programmes can integrate the additional challenges posed by climate change.</p>	<p>Specific policy change objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The international community has reached and is implementing a fair, ambitious and binding agreement on climate change that contributes to sustainable development, resilience and food security while respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of poor women and other vulnerable people. • Climate change policies, guidelines and funding mechanisms in key countries are contributing to sustainable development, resilience and food security while respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of poor women and other vulnerable people. <p>Specific programme objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE and key implementing partners have increased capacity (including skills, expertise and resources) to advocate for climate change policies benefitting poor women and other highly vulnerable people at international, regional and national levels, with a particular focus on adaptation, REDD, and gender equality. • CARE is a significant contributor to new knowledge and evidence-based recommendations for gender-transformative adaptation and reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) policies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The world's poorest people, especially women and other marginal groups, are increasingly resilient to the impacts of climate change.

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3. Adaptation	CARE is effectively helping the world's most vulnerable people adapt to the impacts of climate change, and we are contributing to global learning processes about adaptation – especially with regards to empowering poor women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE and local partners have developed a portfolio of high quality Community Based Adaptation projects that demonstrate best practices, especially with regards to enhancing gender equality; • CARE programme quality in climate-sensitive sectors (such as water and agriculture) has been improved through the integration of gender-transformative climate change adaptation; • CARE and key implementing partners have increased capacity (including skills, expertise and resources) to develop and implement CBA projects, as well as integrate adaptation into projects in climate-sensitive sectors; and • CARE has become a substantial contributor to global learning processes about adaptation, especially with regards to the importance and practice of gender-transformative approaches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress towards global and local development goals are increasingly resilient to the impacts of climate change. • CARE International is adjusting to the realities of climate change and has ensured its continuing relevance and legitimacy in the global fight against poverty.
4. Carbon Finance	CARE is effectively advancing a pro-poor approach to carbon finance programming that reduces poverty, secures rights, enhances gender equality and supports adaptation to climate change while ensuring real mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE and local partners have developed a portfolio of high quality carbon finance projects that demonstrate best practices – especially with regards to reducing poverty, securing rights, enhancing gender equality and supporting adaptation to climate change; • CARE has played a leading role in the development of REDD+ social and environmental standards, and these standards are clearly influencing the policy and practice of national REDD programmes to more effectively reduce poverty, secure rights, and enhance gender equality; • CARE has established an effective quality and risk management mechanism for its carbon finance projects based on internal and third-party standards; • CARE and key implementing partners have increased capacity (including skills, expertise and resources) to develop and implement pro-poor carbon finance projects; and • CARE has become a substantial contributor to global knowledge and learning about carbon finance programming – especially with regards to reducing poverty, securing rights, enhancing gender equality and supporting adaptation to climate change. 	
5. Organisational Change	CARE has become a change agent by modelling “climate smart” policies, plans and practices at the highest levels of our confederation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARE Members are progressively reducing their environmental impact in-line with shared expectations and common policies, • CARE Members are integrating a gendered perspective on climate change into their long-range organisational and operational plans, • PECCN has become a CI-wide “Centre of Expertise” with inclusive, transparent and accountable governance structures, policies and practices. 	