



CARE Australia - Summary

One of Australia's leading humanitarian aid agencies, CARE Australia provides emergency relief and development assistance to millions of people in need around the world.

About us

CARE has been operating for 70 years and has a presence in 90 countries.

Founded in the USA in 1945. Initially an acronym for 'Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe', CARE sent food aid and basic supplies in the form of 'CARE packages' to post-war Europe.

Today, CARE's work addresses the underlying causes of poverty, bringing about lasting improvements to the lives of the people we work with.

Women and girls

We have made huge strides in reducing extreme poverty globally, in the past 30 years, the numbers of people living in extreme poverty have declined from 50 per cent to 15 per cent, but the fact remains: the majority of people living in extreme poverty are women and girls.

We will not overcome extreme poverty unless we address the status of women. Our work shows us that the most effective way to overcome poverty is to remove the barriers that hold women back.

CARE works with [women and girls](#) to increase their skills and support them to achieve their aspirations. At the same time, we work with men and boys so that the relationships through which women negotiate their lives become more supportive. We also look at the laws and customs and social norms that restrict women's lives and diminish their hopes and aspirations, and work with communities to bring about change.

Emergencies, crisis and conflict

In emergencies, CARE responds to save lives, with special attention to the needs of women and the most marginalised. Our humanitarian action includes preparedness and early action, emergency response and recovery, encouraging future resilience and equitable development. We work in environments where sudden disasters require immediate response. We also respond in areas of slow onset crisis or chronic humanitarian situations, such as the [Syrian Refugee Crisis](#).

Earning an income

Women continue to consistently trail men in the economic space. Yet under-investing in women limits development, slows down poverty reduction and economic growth. CARE works to empower women to support their ability to succeed and [advance economically](#) and have the power to make and act on economic decisions.

"I dream of a world where women and girls, boys and men can live their lives with dignity." [Dr Julia Newton-Howes](#), Chief Executive

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