

**CARE INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT
GRAND BARGAIN ANNUAL MEETING – JUNE 2023**

CARE International expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Jan Egeland for his leadership in the last three years, for keeping the Grand Bargain alive and keeping us together at such difficult times. CARE is also delighted with the depth and breadth of our three new Ambassadors' experience and we look forward to working with them.

CARE remains fully committed to our collective transformation agenda. As a large Confederation, we acknowledge that the level of buy-in and understanding of **our commitment to shift power** varies across the Confederation and requires deliberate efforts **to align our behaviours with our vision**.

In line with our endorsement of the GB2.0 caucuses' outcomes, we commit to prioritize **actions** that address our **own institutional barriers**:

- We will scale up our **partnership approach as a preferred modality** over direct implementation;
- We will intensify **communication efforts** to all parts of the Confederation, especially grants and risk management teams and Country Directors, so they are fully **aware of our localisation and equitable partnership commitments** but are also better supported and held accountable for delivering against them;
- We will increase the volume¹ and quality² funding to partners overall but **we will focus on countries that lag behind**;
- We will work to **adequately to cover partners' core costs, direct and indirect**, starting with a mapping of CARE members' current practices vis-à-vis local partners' ICR, attempting to harmonize, to the extent possible.
- We will prioritize the **substantial participation and leadership of actors**, including of women's and crisis affected people- led organisations;
- We will continue to promote **Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls**, including through continuing to **track and publicly report against our target for funding to women's organisations**.

As a dual mandated Confederation, we commit to share our knowledge on **the inclusion of gender transformative approaches in the Humanitarian, Development, Peace and Climate Nexus**.

As outgoing co-chair (with UN Women) of the **Friends of Gender Group (FoGG)**, CARE is excited to hand over to two new co-chairs from the global South. CARE will remain a member of the group and herewith **pledges our full support to the new chairs**. But we believe that **treating gender equality solely as cross cutting will not generate the necessary transformation to deliver a more efficient response** that better meets the needs of all people, including of women and girls. We urge our new Ambassadors to agree **on having one of them take responsibility for driving and leading on GEEWG in the Grand Bargain**, with support from the FoGG. Without a central point of leadership and accountability for GEEWG in the Grand Bargain, we are unlikely to achieve the necessary transformation to ensure we are not leaving anyone behind.

¹ In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, 30% of CARE's humanitarian funding went to local and national responders and 33% of the humanitarian multiyear funding we received was passed on to partners but **this progress is uneven across country programs and regions**.

² In FY22, CARE passed on 55% of the unearmarked or softly earmarked humanitarian funding it received from donors to partners.