



CARE Nepal's Network of Partners

Brief Overview:

CARE Nepal has initiated efforts to bring together local to national level thematic partners to advance the locally led and locally sustained programming in mutually agreed agendas, by convening local organizations together into a Network of Partners (NoP). NoP is a loose forum that aims to nurture and create platforms for local voices and leadership, foster and cultivate relationship and networking, and promote the principle of diversity, equity, and inclusion with emphasis on shifting power to the local level and advocate for people centric rights enhancing policy change. The network strives to magnify the recognition and contribution of local partners—connecting local organizations across geographies, contexts, and sectors--for inclusive development, so that their priorities are equally valued and supported by diverse development partners. It also prioritizes locally led and locally owned solutions by building upon existing local systems and utilizing local resources and the capacity of local partners.

Objectives:

Objective 1: To coordinate and catalyze partner driven local capacity strengthening through mutual assessments of capacity needs, mutual learning, sharing, adoption and scaling of innovative capacity strengthening models.

Objective 2: To create a vibrant platform for diverse partners to collaborate and harness each other's strengths, legacies, and value additions for inclusive and sustainable changes and scale impacts by considering local systems.

Objective 3: To shift decision-making and stewardship of resources to local partners through practicing equitable partnership, joint leadership, mutual accountability, risk sharing and recognition.

Relevant Roles of Network of Partners:

Convene and Connect – Strengthening collaboration between network members through learning and knowledge sharing and leveraging each other's strengths in shared agendas and facilitate to connect network member's agendas to policy platforms.

Capacitate and Capitalize – Build and support the exchange of capacity between partners, learn and build expertise from each other, resource mobilization and coordinated capacity building efforts required for network members to build their

institutional capacity through a formal channel of capacity building to drive shared agendas.

Catalyze and Coordinate – Facilitate engagement towards common objectives, link local challenges with national resources and solutions and create a broader coalition for progressive change and extend solidarity to social movements.

The Network of Partners will be able to access different trainings, including coaching, mentoring, accompaniment from CARE to enhance their knowledge and skills on various approaches and tools to reflect the differences and similarities of staff that impact organizational life and ways to function effectively in a diverse and complex workplace. Moreover, the partners will have the opportunity to learn participatory tools for community-led social change processes, build the understanding of social norms which will encourage partners to work on deeply rooted causes of gender inequality.

Visualization of CARE Network of Partners:



CARE Hosted and Convened Platforms

- AIN Secretariat staff (member funded)
- START Fund Nepal (FCDO funded)
- Global Fund Country Coordination Mechanism
- Humanitarian Partnership Platform (CARE Nepal as convener)
- Multi-stakeholder task force to end Child Early and Forced Marriage (CARE Nepal as convener)

Value Proposition of Network of Partners:

For Network Members (Partners)

- Strengthen sustainability and viability of network members
- Participation in CARE's national and global network to strengthen the ability to build coalitions, relationships and networks with diverse and cross-sectional peers for deeper impact.
- Joint advocacy to strengthen partners' agenda, impact and experience and amplify local voices to shape national, global issues.
- Strengthen legitimacy and effectiveness as civil society leader via association with wider group of cross-sectoral and diverse network members.
- Value addition in adopting and applying diverse approaches through sharing, exchanging best practices.

For Donors

- Provide opportunities to support localization, locally-led development and learn from experiences and reflection through collective and collaborative efforts of local partners to ensure the localization process in Nepal.
- One stop shop for connecting with local and grassroots organization representing the most marginalized and underrepresented populations across geographies, sectors, contexts and issues and for piloting and scaling locally-led solutions
- Ensures greater inclusion of marginalized and underrepresented communities in localization efforts.
- Serves as a platform for extending capacity building efforts to more local organizations, including from some of Nepal's most marginalized groups.

For CARE Nepal

- Achieve system changes and impact at scale by support and engaging with local organizations along with capacity sharing and learning from each other.
- Learn from diverse members on possible ways of transitioning on localization effort with required changes in the organization.
- Adapt partnership system and modality in the spirit of localization and share it widely within the CARE confederation for greater learning and reflection
- Support stronger legitimate voices, holistic analysis and joint advocacy efforts contributing on the overall local governance system building processes.
- By tapping into this network, CARE can ensure that we build our own programs around local voices, contexts, and priorities and center our work around the capacity, knowledge, skills, and needs of marginalized groups, particularly women and girls.

Future Directions:

The Network of Partners is expected to add value to locally led partners, donors and CARE through strengthening legitimacy and effectiveness via association with wider group of cross-sectoral and diverse network members, providing opportunities to support localization and locally-led development and facilitating to achieve system level changes and impact at scale along with capacity sharing and learning from each other through collective and collaborative efforts to ensure the localization process in Nepal.

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