Climate Change, Poverty, and Hunger: Partnerships for Policy Impact

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CARE fights global poverty.

We place special emphasis on empowering marginalized women and girls to bring lasting change to their communities.
From Fish to Fairness

From giving people fish...

To teaching them how to fish...

To empowering them to fight for their right to the pond.
CARE in 2012: Global Reach

Staff of 10,000 people – 90 percent local
Impacting more than 122 million in 84 countries
Would you gamble?

Imagine
The State of Global Hunger

ONE BILLION PEOPLE
Women and girls
Smallholder farmers

Natural Resources
Climate Change
Disasters
Policy & Advocacy Unit: Mutually Reinforcing

Build Champions & Effect Change Among Members of Congress

- Learning Tours – (Members’/Influentials’ Travel)
- CARE Action Network (Constituents)
- Government Relations (DC-based advocacy)
CARE, Climate Change & Hunger

Climate Change Advocacy

Global & US Congress & Administration

Leverage Experience

Build awareness & relationships

Power of People

Partnerships & Coalitions
Where the Rain Falls: 
Climate Change, Food and Livelihood Security, and Migration
SCOPE: Research  Advocacy  Practice

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand how rainfall variability, food security & migration interact today

2. To understand how these factors might interact in coming decades as the impact of climate change begins to be felt more strongly

3. To work with communities to identify ways to manage rainfall variability, food and livelihood insecurity, and migration.
### 4 household profiles:

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<th>Migration improves HH resilience</th>
<th>Migration used to survive, but not flourish</th>
<th>Migration erosive coping strategy</th>
<th>Migration not an option: trapped populations</th>
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<td><strong>Economy:</strong> poor</td>
<td><strong>Economy:</strong> land scarce</td>
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<td><strong>Adaptation options:</strong> access to livelihoods options &amp; assets (social, economic, political),</td>
<td><strong>Adaptation options:</strong> less access to assets &amp; institutions for support</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> Children have 3-5 years more education than parents</td>
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<td><strong>Education:</strong> All HH members have low or no education / skill levels</td>
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<td><strong>Migrant:</strong> early 20s, single; temporal migration</td>
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<td><strong>Remittances:</strong> education, livelihood diversification, health</td>
<td><strong>Remittances:</strong> Success in obtaining food or money to buy food</td>
<td><strong>Remittances:</strong> Partial success in obtaining food or money to buy food</td>
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**Resilience to climatic stressors**

**Vulnerability to climatic stressors**

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Policy Partnerships: Lessons & Insights

Shared agendas = Shared assets
Integrated agenda = Longer shelf life
Clear goals & responsibilities
Partnership management takes resources
Least common denominator
Strength in numbers
Strange bedfellows
Amplified voice
Your Turn: Plant the Seeds of Change

Friends
Colleagues
Family
Policymakers
Join the movement

Thanks!

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