



Humanitarian Surge Fund

Strategic investments for maximum impact

Your support of CARE's Humanitarian Surge Fund is making an outsized difference at a critical time. Careful investments of flexible funds are paying off – by ensuring CARE's response teams are out front in times of crisis and unlocking additional funds worth many times the original allocation.

What You Achieved

In recent months¹, donors to the Surge Fund helped CARE:

- Invest more than **\$4.3 million** toward emergency response and longer-term rehabilitation.
- Deploy rapid response teams to crisis zones in **40 countries**.
- Provide initial infusions of **\$30,000-\$200,000** for each crisis intervention.
- Multiply the impact of donations by **27x** – by leveraging nearly **\$120 million** in additional funds from multiple sources.
- Support community **preparedness and mitigation plans** that maximize impact and minimize cost in times of crisis.
- Keep **women and girls** at the center of relief efforts, including by applying **Rapid Gender Analysis**, a tool pioneered by CARE, to address specific needs.
- **Pre-position supplies and train staff** to ensure effectiveness when emergencies occur.
- Replenish resources for **protracted emergencies**, like long-running refugee crises, that have faded from public awareness.



Early, modest investments from the Humanitarian Surge Fund pay off many times over. This year, **each \$1 donated unlocks \$27** in additional resources for CARE's emergency response and longer-term preparedness measures.

¹ July 2023 to November 2024.



Preparedness pays off: In **Mozambique**, CARE builds long-term resilience in communities that are vulnerable to natural disasters during the annual cyclone season. While responding on an emergency basis every year since 2019, CARE prioritizes advance preparation efforts, coordinating with and strengthening local partners. With **\$50,000 from the Humanitarian Surge Fund**, CARE is forming a strategic partnership to **pre-position shelter supplies** at CARE's warehouses across the country. The partnership will enable our teams to respond quickly and at scale during the 2025 cyclone season.

Your support is more important than ever at a time of financial uncertainty for the global humanitarian system. As new governments take power in the U.S. and other countries, **international aid budgets may face large-scale cuts**. Yet the demands for emergency response are greater than ever.

CARE, Always There. CARE's emergency response programs reached **nearly 22 million people** last year² – across the spectrum from immediate aid to longer-term recovery. We increasingly face **complex crises** with multiple causes, including conflict and climate change, that pose constantly changing circumstances and require **nimble and innovative approaches**. Many emergencies receive little international attention and face lagging donor support. In all these cases, CARE is best prepared when we have access to **flexible financial resources that can be directed quickly** where they are needed most.

The **Humanitarian Surge Fund** helps CARE meet today's challenges by maintaining a **reserve fund** that can be tapped at short notice – when lives are in the balance and there is no time to wait for traditional fundraising campaigns to ramp up. Early intervention helps ensure that **aid reaches the most vulnerable people**. It also can galvanize global attention and catalyze additional grants – often much larger than the initial allocation. **The Surge Fund is a smart investment that pays off many times over.**

The Impact of Your Gift

The Humanitarian Surge Fund supports CARE's efforts in high-profile global emergencies as well as crises that affect millions outside the media spotlight. In each case, we make careful investments to meet immediate needs and help people in the most vulnerable communities rebuild their lives. The following are examples of how gifts to the Humanitarian Surge Fund are making a difference around the world.

- **Middle East – Gaza Conflict:** Since the outbreak of the current conflict in Gaza in October 2023, CARE has reached more than 804,000 people with lifesaving assistance. Despite huge operational challenges and risks to their own safety, our dedicated local staff and partners are determined to maintain and strengthen our response in shelter, health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), food security, and protection. We launched our response with a **Surge Fund allocation of \$536,400, eventually leveraging \$9.8 million** in grants from



CARE's primary healthcare clinic in Deir Al-Balah, Gaza, provides maternal and pediatric care, among other services.

² Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

multiple sources. A separate allocation of **\$200,000** covered medications, supplies, and a solar power system for **CARE's primary healthcare clinic** in Deir Al-Balah, which provides an average of 200 patients daily with services including maternal healthcare, pediatrics, mental health, and vaccinations. *CARE continues to call on parties to the conflict to provide full humanitarian access and the release of all hostages.*

- Lebanon – Support for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** As intensifying violence is driving a new wave of population displacement, CARE is providing food assistance (hot meals, voucher assistance, and food parcels), dignity and hygiene kits, water, and other necessities in and outside shelters. CARE is responding in North, Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Beqaa, and Akkar governorates, with programs including food security, WASH, shelter, and protection – targeting women, girls, the elderly, marginalized communities, and people with disabilities. A Surge Fund allocation of **\$231,000** has helped unlock more than **\$1.7 million** in additional grants.
- Vietnam – Super Typhoon Yagi:** In September 2024, the strongest storm to hit Vietnam in decades caused widespread loss of life and damage. Challenges, especially for women and girls, included access to food, clean water, shelter, menstrual hygiene supplies, and healthcare. In addition to physical injuries, many survivors face mental health issues, including the emotional toll of losing homes, livelihoods, and assets. CARE, working with government partners, launched an immediate and longer-term response, including cash vouchers to begin vegetable planting and multi-purpose cash to rebuild homes. The initial **\$175,000** allocation from the Surge Fund resulted in **\$675,000** in leveraged funds from multiple sources.
- Nigeria – Flooding:** Floods in Jigawa state in August 2024 resulted in widescale loss of life and property, including disrupted food supplies, contaminated water sources, and long-term impact on livelihoods due to submerged farmlands. Women and girls face particular challenges, including menstrual hygiene and the threat of violence. CARE's comprehensive response includes emergency food assistance through cash transfers; nutrition counseling and education; supplies for water purification and storage; hygiene supplies and promotion; safe spaces for women and girls including hygiene facilities and counseling services; and outreach campaigns and training to reduce the risk of gender-based violence. An allocation of **\$150,000** from the Surge Fund has helped unlock **\$1,245,000** in leveraged funds.
- Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) – North and South Kivu Displacement and Flooding:** The resurgence of conflict in eastern DRC has resulted in displacement and a surge in criminality, including sexual violence, in IDP settlements. The situation has been exacerbated by extreme weather that has destroyed temporary shelters and emergency latrines. CARE's response included food assistance, dignity kits to meet women's and girls' needs, safe spaces and psychosocial support for survivors of gender-based violence, and support for village savings and loan associations to help affected people, especially women, rebuild their livelihoods. With an initial **\$125,000** allocation from the Surge Fund, CARE accessed **\$2,325,000** in leveraged funds.



CARE's emergency response staff have deployed to assist survivors of multiple flooding events in northern Nigeria.

- **Chad – Food and Nutrition Crisis:** Chad is confronting a complex humanitarian crisis characterized by persistent insecurity, instability in neighboring countries, economic shocks, drought, and floods,



Paul, a nurse at a CARE-supported health center in Guéréda, Chad, with 14-month-old Mariam, who is on the brink between moderate and severe malnutrition.

against a backdrop of political fragility. Chad hosts about 1.4 million refugees and asylum seekers – the most per capita in Africa. More than 7.6 million people are in humanitarian need, but a funding shortfall led to severe cutbacks in food assistance a year ago. An allocation of **\$150,000 from the Humanitarian Surge Fund was leveraged to raise an additional \$1,672,500**. CARE provided cash, agricultural inputs, tools, and technical training to help families meet immediate needs and invest in livelihoods. We also distributed feed and supplements to help pastoral households sustain their herds during the lean season, improved WASH access at facilities serving malnourished women and children, and worked to mitigate and respond to gender-based violence.

- **Burundi – Protection and Prevention of Gender-based Violence:** As in many emergencies, the severe weather events linked to the El Niño climate phenomenon have seen an elevated risk of threats to women and girls, including gender-based violence and sexual exploitation. The effects of El Niño include abnormal rainfall, flooding, landslides, and destruction of homes and economic infrastructure. CARE’s priority is sustained protection and prevention including through awareness raising, the selection and training of male and female “gender champions,” and distribution of household, hygiene, and dignity kits. Composition of the dignity kits – such as menstrual hygiene supplies and solar-powered flashlights for safety – are based on women’s input about their needs. Activities were launched with an **initial \$100,000** from the Humanitarian Surge Fund.

- **Bangladesh – Flooding:** In August 2024, 12 districts of eastern Bangladesh were inundated by heavy rains and an onrush of water from upstream Indian states, affecting millions of people. In addition to immediate shortages of safe water, emergency shelter, WASH and household supplies, and other necessities, many faced long-term livelihood threats due to the lack of water and fodder for farm animals. Hundreds of thousands of people fled their homes for flood shelters, with some bringing their livestock. CARE worked through a local partner to provide multi-purpose cash assistance, focusing on food security, livelihood restoration, and overall well-being. The team also distributed hygiene kits to meet the needs of women and adolescent girls. An initial allocation of **\$100,000 from the Surge Fund was supplemented with \$80,000** in leveraged funds.



Unusually heavy monsoon rains displaced half a million people in eastern Bangladesh, posing threats including the spread of waterborne disease.

Your Gift Multiplied: The Surge Fund's Leverage Effect

The examples above are just a few of the emergencies where resources from CARE's Humanitarian Surge Fund have been deployed in recent months. Since July 1, 2023, **more than \$4.3 million in allocations from the Humanitarian Surge Fund helped CARE launch emergency responses in 40 countries.** Thanks to those investments, CARE **leveraged nearly \$120 million in additional grants.** The full list of Surge Fund allocations between July 2023 and November 2024 is shown below.

Country	Response	Allocation	Leveraged Amount
Morocco	Earthquake Response	\$200,000	\$4,000,000
Syria	Dier ez Zor Clashes	\$100,000	\$90,894,903
Caucasus	Karabagh Refugee Crisis in Armenia	\$150,000	-
Middle East	Gaza Conflict Emergency Response	\$536,400	\$9,800,000
Lebanon	Southern Border Displacement	\$75,000	\$240,000
Nepal	Jajarkot Earthquake response	\$20,000	\$130,000
Ethiopia	El Niño Flooding	\$123,966	\$797,000
Mozambique	Cyclone Preparedness	\$40,000	-
Myanmar	Northern Shan State Crisis	\$30,000	\$1,844,000
Kenya	El Niño Flooding	\$108,218	\$784,000
Somalia	El Niño Flooding	\$112,000	\$1,740,000
Tanzania	Hanang District Flooding and Mudslide	\$40,000	-
Ethiopia	El Niño Drought	\$50,000	-
Jamaica	Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (Caribbean HPP)	\$34,925	-
Zambia	Cholera Outbreak	\$80,000	\$655,000
Haiti	Gang Violence and Political Instability	\$87,000	\$187,000
DRC	North and South Kivu Displacement and Flooding	\$125,000	\$2,325,000
Chad	Food and Nutrition Crisis	\$150,000	\$1,672,500
Mozambique	Cyclone Preparedness	\$50,000	-
Zambia	Drought Response	\$50,000	\$655,000
Afghanistan	Baghlan Flood Response	\$150,000	-
Burundi	Gatumba Flooding Response	\$100,000	-
Jamaica	Hurricane Beryl Response	\$62,800	-
Grenada	Hurricane Beryl Response	\$60,000	-
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Hurricane Beryl Response	\$60,000	-
Thailand	Myanmar Response	\$150,000	-
Afghanistan	Nangarhar Flood Response	\$40,000	-
Philippines	Typhoon Carina Response	\$75,000	\$177,000
Palestine WBG	Emergency Medications Response	\$200,000	-
Sudan	Port Sudan Response	\$150,000	-
Niger	Flooding	\$50,000	-
Pakistan	Flooding	\$50,000	-
Laos	Typhoon Response	\$75,000	-

Bangladesh	Eastern Flood Response	\$100,000	\$80,000
Vietnam	Typhoon Yagi Response	\$175,000	\$675,000
Lebanon	IDP Crisis Response	\$231,000	\$1,726,659
Nigeria	Flood Crisis Response	\$150,000	\$1,245,000
Nepal	Landslide Response	\$50,000	-
Syria	Returnees from Lebanon Crisis Response	\$100,000	-
Jordan	Syrian Refugee Crisis Response	\$150,000	-
Total		\$4,341,309	\$119,628,062

Replenishing the Critical Reserves. The level of humanitarian crisis in today's world means an ever-growing demand on the resources of the Humanitarian Surge Fund. Your generous gift has helped us maintain a healthy balance – so CARE can prepare for and respond to urgent needs in 2025 and beyond. We thank you for your generosity.

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