CARE is a leading international humanitarian agency delivering emergency relief and long-term international development projects. Founded in 1945, CARE is nonsectarian, impartial, and non-governmental.

The demand of working with local partner organizations in the conduct of humanitarian action has been increasing and it is the direction CARE is taking.

In the Philippines, where strong cyclones abound and occasional earthquakes occur on a yearly basis, CARE has been actively involved in various emergency responses with partners since Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 and a firm believer that local organizations or groups must be at the forefront of these actions.

Thus all emergency response initiatives of CARE are implemented through collaborative partnerships with local non-government and people’s organizations, civil society groups, cooperatives and private institutions.

Our goal is to respond to natural and man-made disasters in the Philippines with speed, scale and quality. CARE is a signatory for Charter for Change and is committed to implement all of its programs in the Philippines through partnerships with national organizations.
CARE believes in working with local partners because:

- They can perform fast and immediate action
- Bolster the effectiveness of the humanitarian response system
- Familiarity with the operating context (language, people, cultural norms, indigenous knowledge, local laws, terrain, familiarity with other stakeholders/actors, etc.)
- Have wider network or linkages
- Cost efficient in the long run
- Have the local specialization or expertise
- Enables sustainability or continuity of programs acquired capacity or knowledge transfer
- Shared accountability

**TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH CARE**

1. **Implementing Partner.** Organization or cooperative that supplements the works of a larger organization or agency (similar mandate) by helping to carry out institutional arrangements in line with the larger organization’s goals and objectives.

2. **Facilitating Partner.** Refers to an organization or cooperative with specific area of specialization or trade which are also in line with CARE Philippines’ thematic area of operation and contribute to the value chains of Implementing Partners.

3. **Referral Partner.** An organization or agency that provides quality referral or prospective beneficiary leads to access CARE's program and services specifically applying for grants in line with set guidelines and processes.

4. **Technical Partner.** Non-financial assistance provided by local or international specialists. It can take the form of sharing information and expertise, instruction, skills training, transmission of working knowledge, consulting services, and may also involve the transfer of technical data.