

# Pledge #WomenEqual in 2020

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**In 2020, it's time we all commit to creating a just and equal world for all. As advocates, as a community, as a nation, we can't wait any longer.**

Let's take a stand together and make 2020 the year we finally put gender equality front and center so that women, girls, and the communities around them thrive. Join CARE to make gender equality an issue that candidates and voters are talking about this election cycle. Sign the pledge and urge Congressional candidates to do the same.

Over the last several decades, we've made progress towards advancing gender equality. More women are able to access meaningful, dignified jobs and raise the standard of living for themselves and their families. Women and girls are claiming their rights and leveling the playing field so that communities can thrive.

***Yet progress is neither inevitable nor irreversible.*** We've seen setbacks follow closely on the heels of forward momentum. We've seen incremental change moving far too slowly. In so many places in so many ways, we've seen barriers remain insurmountable. In 2020, as we enter a new decade, we still face:

- Violence and harassment in the workplace.
- Children forced into marriage against their will.
- Women dying needlessly during pregnancy and childbirth.
- Girls prevented from going to school.
- Unequal pay.
- Too few seats at decision-making tables.



## This is where you come in.

Starting in 2020, we need every voice speaking in unison. We need every single person who cares about the eradication of poverty and ending social injustice to demand that our leaders make gender equality front and center in their agendas. Most of all, we need action.

That's why CARE Action is asking every advocate and every candidate for President and Congress to take the pledge and commit to advance gender equality globally:



### **Candidate Pledge**

I pledge my support for gender equality. I will use my position in Congress to advance the goal of achieving global gender equality. I will advance policies that support gender equality and work to build broad bipartisan consensus for this mission among my colleagues. I will sponsor and support bills that tackle inequality and discrimination against women and girls globally, and that promote humanitarian leadership around the world and a foreign policy that makes gender equality a core objective. I will ensure we have a foreign assistance budget that advances gender equality and resists all efforts to reduce funding for the work — and the people — that advance these goals.

### **Advocate Pledge**

I pledge my support for gender equality. This election, I will use my voice and my vote to advance the goal of achieving global gender equality. I will advocate for policies that advance gender equality, vote for candidates who support this mission, and rally my community around the importance of putting gender equality front and center. I will ask my representatives to support and sponsor bills that tackle inequality and discrimination against women and girls globally. I will encourage them to build bipartisan support for humanitarian leadership around the world and foreign policy that makes gender equality a core objective. I will advocate for a foreign assistance budget that advances gender equality and resists all efforts to reduce funding for the work — and the people — that advance these goals.

**Take CARE's pledge to achieve global gender equality and a world where everyone thrives.**

**#WomenEqual #VoteCARE**

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