

**CARE INTERNATIONAL** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Group

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**MEL agenda for FY18**

**Improved collection/reporting of programmatic data (reach and impact)**

* FY17 PIIRS
* Exploration of options to harmonize MIS systems at different levels
* Scaling up of PIIRS functionalities linked to global dialogue on information platforms ( online data entry, geocoding, real-time data, document repositories, links with other technologies, collecting qualitative evidence)

**Better use and learning around data**

* Visualization (Reach-Impact Map, Country Visualizations, Donor analysis)
* Learning (5 mins of inspiration, Evaluation Library, KM platforms)

**Better MEL frameworks/guidance**

* Global MEL principles and standards (updated MEL Policy)
* Specialized MEL frameworks (WEE, IGS, POWER Tools Advocacy)

**Better MEL practice**

* Capacity building: A MEL community of practice
* Updated tools for MEL standards tracking
* Testing and implementing new ways of doing MEL/Impact Measurement/Impact analysis (Contribution Tracing, Outcome Mapping, Cost-Benefit)

**About the CI MEL Group**

The consolidation of a CI-wide MEL agenda and a single platform for collecting, accessing and reporting relevant information on the work we do (reach) and what our work contributes to (impact) started with the creation of the Project/Program Information and Impact Reporting System (PIIRS) in 2012, supported by a Steering Committee led by CARE Australia, Canada, Nederland, UK, USA and the CI Secretariat.

Ever since, a series of initiatives have been undertaken, aiming at strengthening a culture of interconnected information, knowledge management, improved MEL practice and improved ways to inform and share our work with external stakeholders. The CI Secretariat has taken the role of coordinating these actions, and the achievements have been possible with the contribution of colleagues in CARE teams around the world.

**PURPOSE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEMBERSHIP**

* The CI MEL group acts as a reference team to further advance improve and expand an interdependent MEL agenda for all CARE, and to facilitate learning and capacity building for a broader MEL network, including MEL and programs staff around the world.
* The CI MEL group is commissioned by the CI Program Team and accountable to both the CI Program Team and the Program Quality and Impact Strategic Leadership Team.
* The CI MEL group is composed of CARE staff who lead or are highly involved in the development and management of sector or outcome specific MEL systems and can consolidate a global MEL capacity for monitoring, impact measurement and leaning around the outcomes and approach of the CARE2020 Program Strategy.

**STRATEGY**

Based on expertise, role and the MEL activities in different CARE offices, members of the CI MEL group lead or contribute to advancing the CI MEL agenda. In practice, this involves:

* Dedicating at least 25% of time to actions connected to the CI MEL agenda.
* Advancing MEL priorities on behalf of all of CI, thereby influencing all of CARE.
* Constantly connecting to teams around the world, ensuring inclusion, consultation and learning.
* Actively engaging in meetings of the CI MEL group. Face-to-face gatherings can be required in key moments.



[CI Global MEL wiki](http://careglobalmel.care2share.wikispaces.net/CI%2BGlobal%2BMEL%2Bwiki)

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