

Project and Program Information and Impact Reporting System (PIIRS)

FY16 Data collection/reporting process

**Feedback received and/or questions
answered during the data
collection/reporting process
November 2016 – March 2017**



Feedback-Questions around Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning guidance and training



- **Who in CARE can provide with more in-depth guidance and training on MEL, global data collection, and measurement of the CARE2020 indicators?**

Contact the CI MEL group (echeverria@careinternational.org). 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 group is composed of CARE staff who lead or are highly involved in the development and management of sector or outcome specific MEL systems, guidance and standards, and can consolidate a global MEL capacity for monitoring, reporting and leaning around the outcomes and approach of the CARE2020 Program Strategy.

Current Members of the CI MEL group include:

Humanitarian Assistance: Uwe Korus (CI CEG)

Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health and Rights: Dora Curry (SRMH – USA)

The Right to a Life Free from Violence: tbd

Food and Nutrition Security & Climate Change Resilience: Emily Janoch / Pierre Kadet (FNS USA-Canada)

Women's Economic Empowerment: Regine Skarubowiz (WEE- UK)

Gender Equality: Sarah Eckhoff (Gender – USA)

Governance: Tom Aston (Governance – UK)

Resilience: Mirjam Locadia (Resilience – NL)

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Feedback-Questions around the Project/Program Information and Impact Reporting System – PIIRS



- **What is PIIRS, what is the connection between PIIRS and the CARE 2020 Program Strategy? And why do we have to collect-report data to feed PIIRS every year?**

PIIRS is a CI-wide system for collecting, accessing and reporting relevant information about our work (breadth and depth). PIIRS collects data every year in order to explain (internally and externally) the breadth of CARE's work globally, as well as analyse the depth (impact) of our actions in line with the CARE 2020 Program Strategy

- **How is data reported to PIIRS and who is responsible for the data it collected-reported?**

Being a CI-wide effort, the content and functioning of PIIRS is a collaborative effort of shared responsibilities. CARE Country Offices and CARE Members play a critical role in ensuring quality and completeness of the data hosted in PIIRS, as main holders of grants / implementers of program actions. The CI Secretariat acts as coordinator/manager of the system as a whole. The CI MEL groups acts as a reference group for guidance, training and dialogue around data reporting, and technologies for data management. Every year, data collection forms (Excel) are circulated to all CARE offices, which are then processed by PIIRS, going through a quality control process before final consolidation of an on-line data base and reporting of key figures.

- **What do I get from reporting to PIIRS?**

All data reported to PIIRS every year is hosted in an online database at <https://piirs.care.org>, accessible to all CARE staff around the world. When accessing the online data base you can extract multiple data sets based on your information needs. Note: the system's functionality is mainly of a data repository. Currently, the data base does not operate as a data visualization tool or a tool that allows you to produce reports in one click. Complementary alternatives are being explored to have this functionality in the future.

- **Shouldn't there be an online way for CARE offices to report their data directly instead of excel forms?**

CARE offices could report data to the PIIRS online data base directly. In FY14, seven CARE Country offices participated in a pilot to register data into the web-based data base directly. The learnings from that process showed that off-line forms were still the most adequate way to report data. You can contact echeverria@careinternational.org for more information on this.

- **Feedback for the online data base**

- The online data base should have more functionalities to produce graphs in a user friendly way.
- The online data base should have better functionalities to export data to Excel: It should allow selecting data fields to be columns for inclusion in the excel sheet output