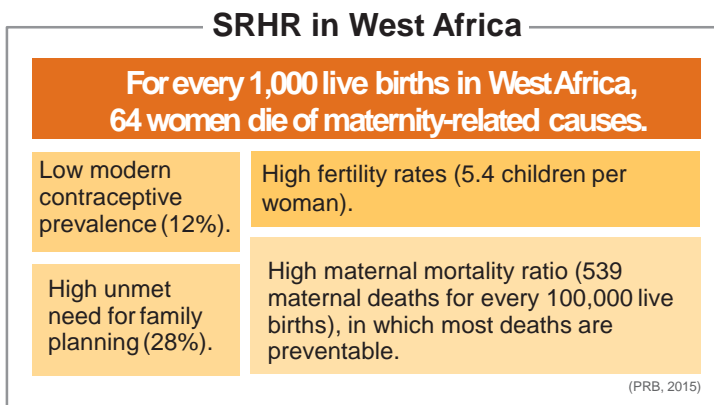




CARE WEST AFRICA Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Engagement Strategy

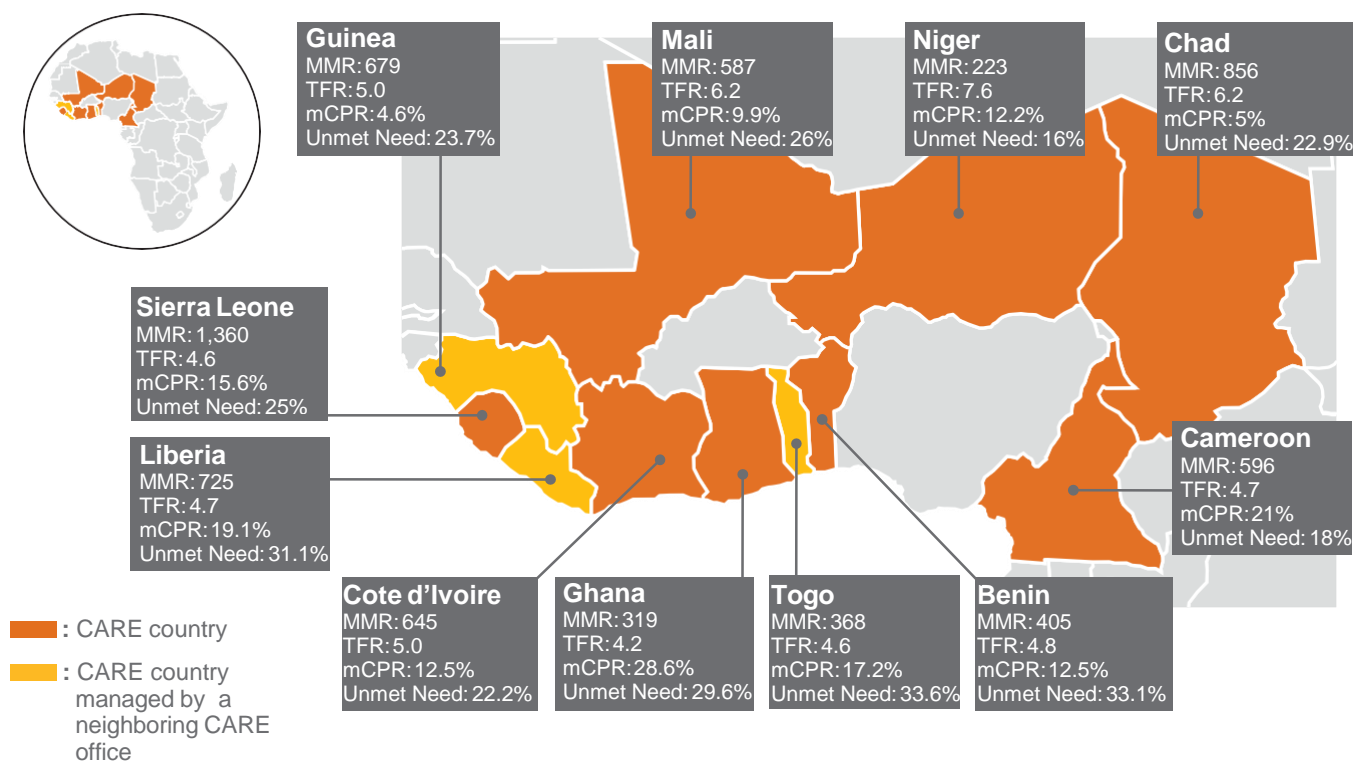
What Is The Injustice?

Sexual and reproductive health indicators remain extremely weak in West Africa. A combination of social, legal, and healthcare-related drivers limit, and often inhibit, women from accessing their sexual and reproductive rights. As a result of being denied their rights, women and girls face the injustice of unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and at-risk births. These injustices result in unnecessary suffering and death among women of reproductive age in West Africa.



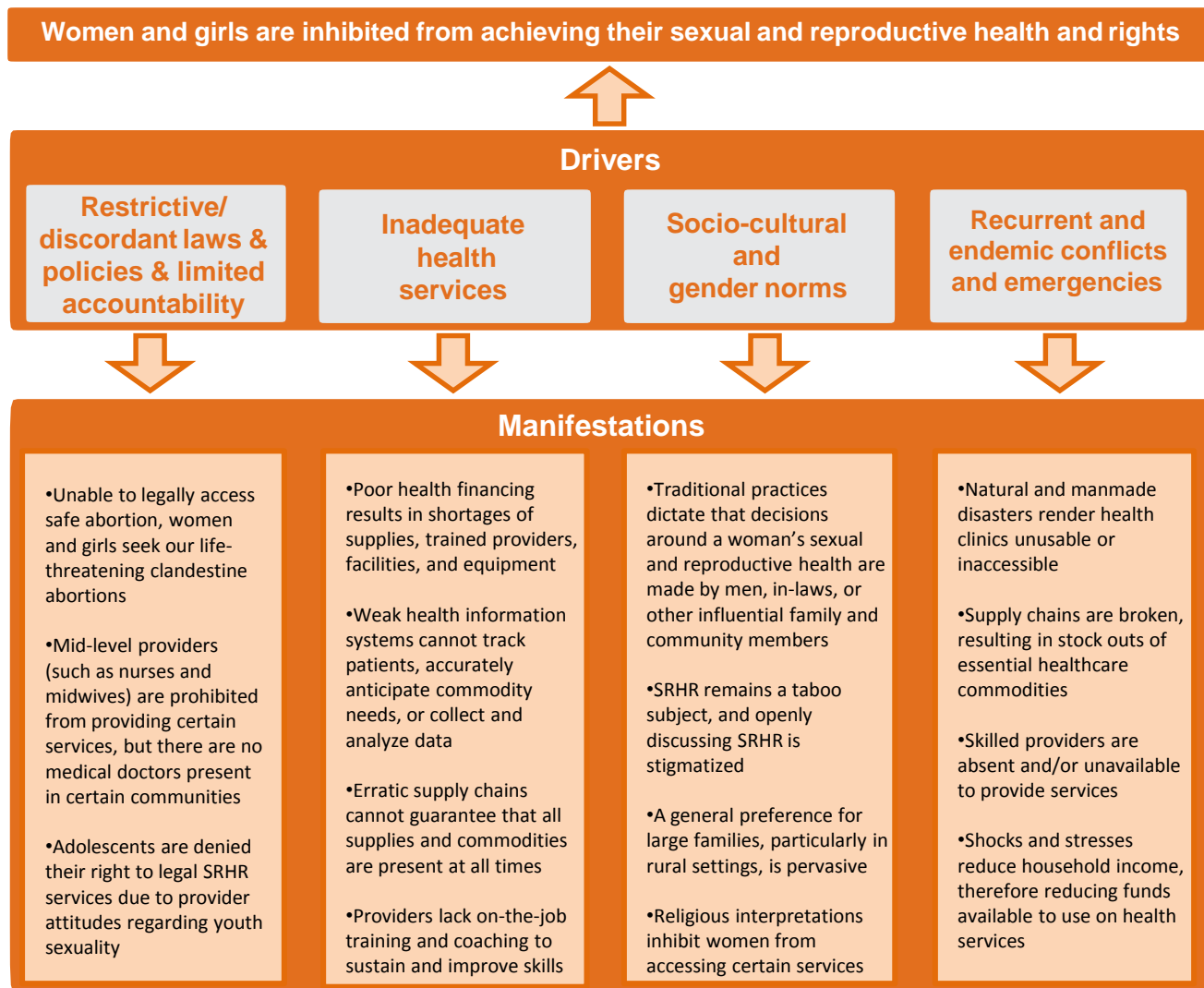
Where Does CARE Currently Engage?

CARE currently operates eight country offices in West Africa and has over 55 staff with public health capacity. The countries in which CARE engages are demonstrated below with their respective SRHR indicators.



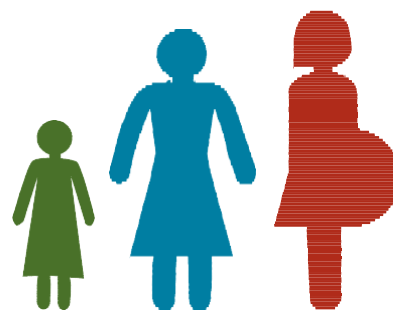
What Drives This Injustice?

In the West Africa context, we understand the four greatest drivers inhibiting women achieving their sexual and reproductive health and rights to be: restrictive legal frameworks and limited policy accountability, inadequate health services, socio-cultural/gender norms, and recurrent/endemic conflicts and emergencies. CARE's approach therefore seeks to target these four drivers to foster sustainable change in SRHR indicators.



What Do We Want To Achieve?

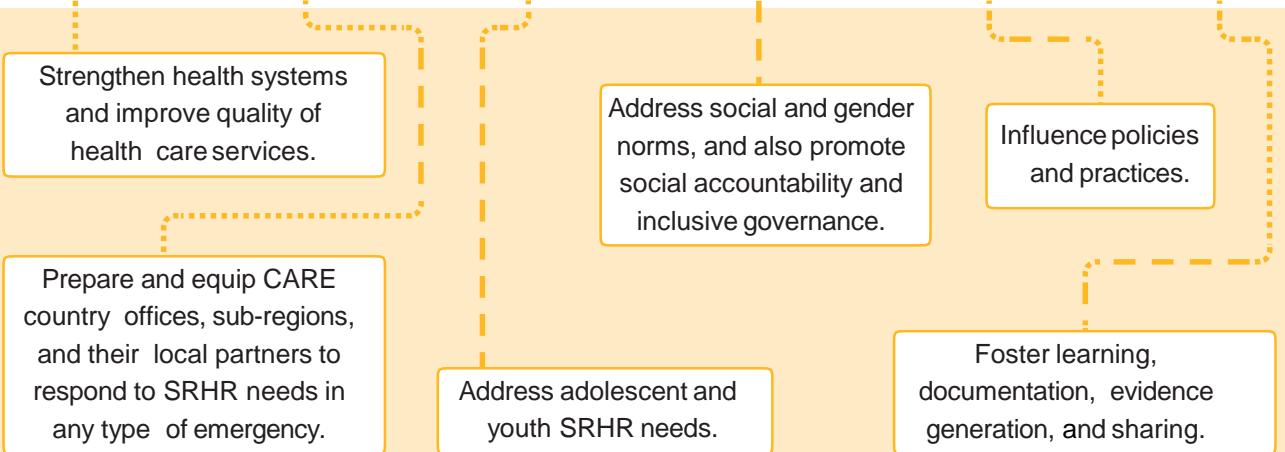
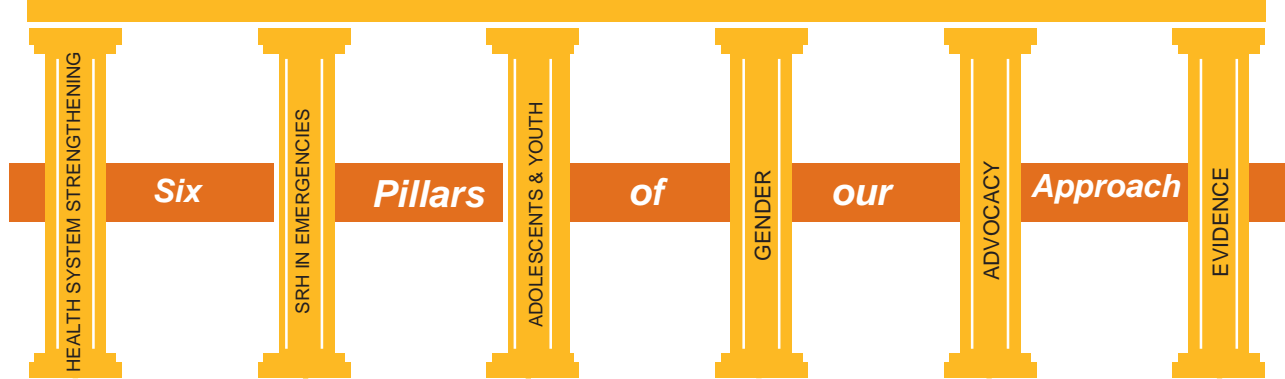
By 2020, **12 million** women and girls across West Africa exercise their rights to sexual and reproductive health.



How Will We Get There?

CARE will work with partners to address and overcome social and gender norms, implement effective models, strengthen health systems, and influence policy as it relates to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

12 Million Women and Girls

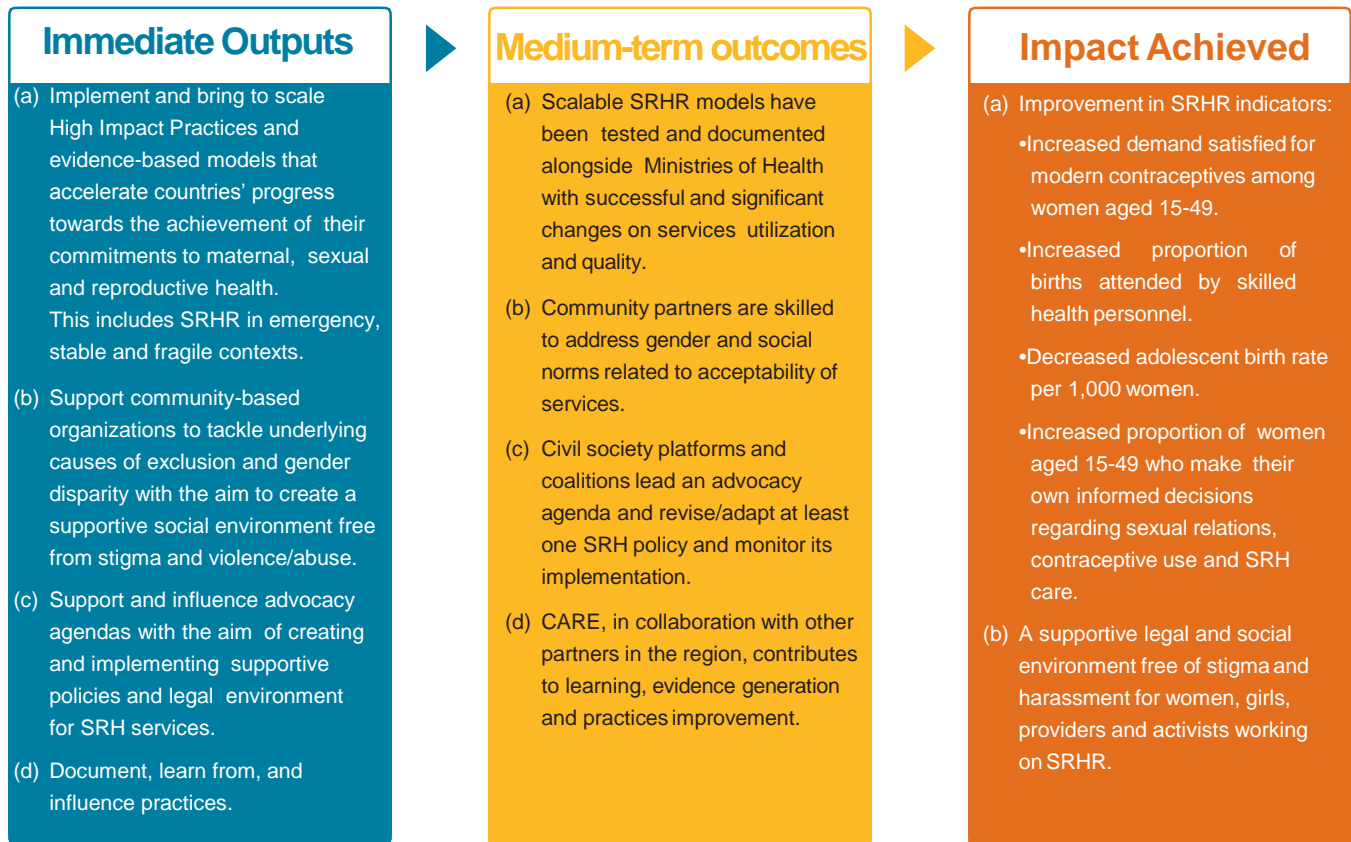


OUR FOUNDATION

CARE's SRHR program experience in West Africa | A regional management unit (WARMU) | Over 55 health staff in the region
 Strategic partnerships with governments, peer organizations, community-based organizations, national and regional coalitions
 Financial resources | A dedicated global SRHR team for West Africa | Cohesion and collaboration with "Women on the Move"

What Does Success Look Like?

CARE in West Africa enables 12 million women and girls exercise their rights to and have access to SRH services including family planning, post abortion care, and maternal health. This will be demonstrated by:



What Will Enable Us to Achieve Our Goal?

- **Strategic Partnerships:** CARE's relationships with governments, peer organizations, community-based organizations, and national/regional coalitions foster and enable scalability of effective practices.
- **Financial Resources:** CARE seeks to mobilize \$25 million over 4 years to realize this strategy and result.
- **A New Way of Working:** CARE becomes a catalyst of change for our country offices and their partners; we create a space for learning and elevating effective practices.

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