

## CARE Urges Parties to Take Action as Bali Summit Closes

Bali, INDONESIA (December 15, 2007)— As countries came to a compromise on the way forward for negotiation of the post-2012 agreement on climate change, CARE delegates at the UN Conference in Bali urged that dialogue must move to action

“The results from Bali represent a clear mandate for, and encouraging start to, negotiation of an international regime that is worth its weight,” said Dr. Charles Ehrhart, CARE International’s Climate Change Coordinator. “However, the agreement falls short of what we’d hoped for, and the next two years will be critical in ensuring that we move from dialogue to action on a global scale, as this crisis knows no borders.”

Consensus is emerging on some of the key issues, but it is critical to bear in mind that the Bali Roadmap is only a starting point, representing a small step in an enormous journey. The most contentious issue within the Bali Roadmap was agreement to work towards binding, absolute targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that emissions peak and begin to decline within the timeframe necessary to avoid dangerous climate change. The final agreement commits all Parties to reducing emissions, with quantified reduction objectives for developed countries and measurable and reportable actions for developing countries.

However, the level of emissions reductions required is not quantified, and there is some concern that this will slow action in achieving the deep cuts that are needed to avoid catastrophic interference with the climate system. Leadership from Parties with the greatest historical responsibility for climate change will be crucial in moving the UN process forward, and in achieving the goal of the UN Framework Convention.

The inclusion of adaptation as a fundamental building block for the post-2012 agreement is an important step forward, as is the recognition of the urgent and immediate needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable. The Bali Roadmap makes an explicit commitment to provide new and additional financing for developing countries to adapt to the impacts of climate change. On the road to the next Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen in 2009, Parties must ensure that mechanisms are established to provide this funding in a fair, efficient and action-oriented manner which targets the countries that need it most.

“The Bali Roadmap is a starting point, but we have a long way to go to achieve a post-2012 agreement that is equitable, ambitious, and facilitates urgent and concrete action,” Says Robert Glasser, Secretary-General of CARE International. “Leaders must act quickly and cooperatively in addressing the emerging catastrophe that threatens humanity and the ecosystems we depend on”.