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Care underpins our world, enabling individuals to lead meaningful lives and societies and economies to flourish. However, care work remains undervalued, underinvested in, and gendered. G20 leaders have recognised the centrality of care in multiple declarations over the last decade, yet underinvestment, insufficient coordination, and policy gaps persist. This policy brief outlines recommendations aimed at valuing care as a fundamental pillar for building resilient societies and achieving sustainable development by translating G20 commitments into action. These recommendations include building comprehensive care and support systems, addressing care needs to advance gender equality, guaranteeing care workers' rights, transforming societies through quality care services, and leveraging G20 leadership to achieve these goals. Adopting these proposals will propel G20 commitments by placing care at the centre to promote human rights, shared prosperity, and gender justice. By leading this agenda, G20 countries stand to achieve a triple win: fostering thriving societies, sustainable environments, and robust economies.