LEAVING A FAIRER WORLD

HOW YOU CAN LEAVE A FAIRER WORLD WITH AN OXFAM GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

Through Oxfam, you have helped others to grow. Your kindness and generosity have planted vegetable gardens, helped children go to school and brought clean water to communities.

Because of you, people like Sare and Chana are learning new ways to grow vegetables and protect our planet at the same time.

Your values deserve to live on, to inspire others.

An Oxfam gift in your Will is a wonderful way to carry on the work of your life. You now have the chance to give the largest gift of your life, and as you do, to show your family and friends the values you hold most important.

In this Guide, you will see how your impact can grow.

You will meet the kind of people you can keep on helping with your kindness ... and people like you who have already made the decision to leave an Oxfam gift in their Will.

As you do, you'll see that your kindness makes yours a life that will always be remembered by those whose lives you change. On their behalf, thank you for leaving a fairer world.

Lyn Morgain
Chief Executive,
Oxfam Australia

"I didn't believe that vegetables can be grown in water. I thought at the beginning that it will not be possible. But after we studied and trained — it is possible. Now we can share this information with other people.

SARE, FROM CAMBODIA.

Cover photo: Imvepi settlement, Northern Uganda: Vicky, from South Sudan, is a single mother who lives with her two children at the Imvepi refugee settlement. Vicky sells spices at a roadside market to support her children. Photo: Hans Bach/Oxfam.

Photo (this page): Chana, left, and Sare show the vegetables they have grown. Photo Patrick Moran/Oxfam. Oxfam acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL HELPS COMMUNITIES PREPARE TO FACE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Elizabeth is all too familiar with the challenges of climate change. The 2024 El Niño season, which began in November 2023, has brought dry conditions and less rainfall than usual across much of southern Africa, including Elizabeth's village in the central region of Malawi.

In a typical year, Elizabeth and her husband would expect their field to produce around 17 buckets of maize. However, this year, they managed to harvest only one and a half buckets. Sometimes they sleep on an empty stomach, and Elizabeth says her family is surviving day to day.

Through local partners, the Concerned Youth Organisation and the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service, and with Ireland's Civil Society Partnership program, Oxfam in Malawi distributed cash to more than 2,000 households. The money allowed Elizabeth to buy food and other essentials for her family. "It's like a dream," she said.

Oxfam is working hard to make sure that the people who are most impacted by the climate crisis have a strong voice to influence policies and challenge big polluters. We are calling on the biggest carbon emitters to fund communities so they can prepare for and respond to climate impacts.

ELIZABETH FROM CENTRAL MALAWI

Photo: Colin Carey/Oxfam.

Photo: Amy Christian/Oxfam

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

When you include a gift in your Will, you join a community of compassionate and caring people, who want to leave the world a fairer place. People like Kate and Ewan.

"I can't remember why I first became involved with Oxfam, but I know why I'm still interested.

"Because Oxfam covers the breadth of my interests, it appeals to me. I like the way they work in partnerships with local people to campaign for the environment, clean water, health or humanitarian issues — a bit of what they do, is a bit of what I'm passionate about!

"And Oxfam aligns with my values – that's important to me too.

"Because of changing life circumstances, I've decided it's time to update my Will and I plan to include a gift to Oxfam. I want to use my funds to practical ends, and I have confidence that Oxfam will be there to do that for me."

Ewan Ogilvy, who has included Oxfam in his Will.

You too can become part of a growing movement of supporters like Kate and Ewan, who are including their global family in their Wills.

"I support Oxfam because they are on the ground, supporting and enabling communities to help themselves rather than just giving handouts. Providing wells, teaching better farming techniques, assisting with start-up businesses, improving health – the list goes on and on!

"I can't afford to give more at this stage in my life, but after I'm gone, I'm not going to need it, so leaving a decent amount for Oxfam in my Will is the next best thing. I would absolutely encourage others to leave a gift for Oxfam in their Will!

"What better legacy can you leave than assisting to raise people up from hardship and poverty and helping the world become a better place for everyone in it?"

Kate Johnson, who has included Oxfam in her Will.

No matter where you live in the world, life revolves around doing the best you can for yourself, and for your family.

Maforki, Sierra Leone: Nat and his son at a poultry farm in Maforki. Nat leads the Low and Middleman Based Development Association, which is supported by Oxfam's partner organisation, MoPADA, as part of the Diversifying and Boosting of Livestock Production Project in Sierra Leone. Photo: Nana Kofi Acquah/Oxfam.

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO FOR A FAIRER WORLD

A gift in your Will is a powerful tool to build a fairer future

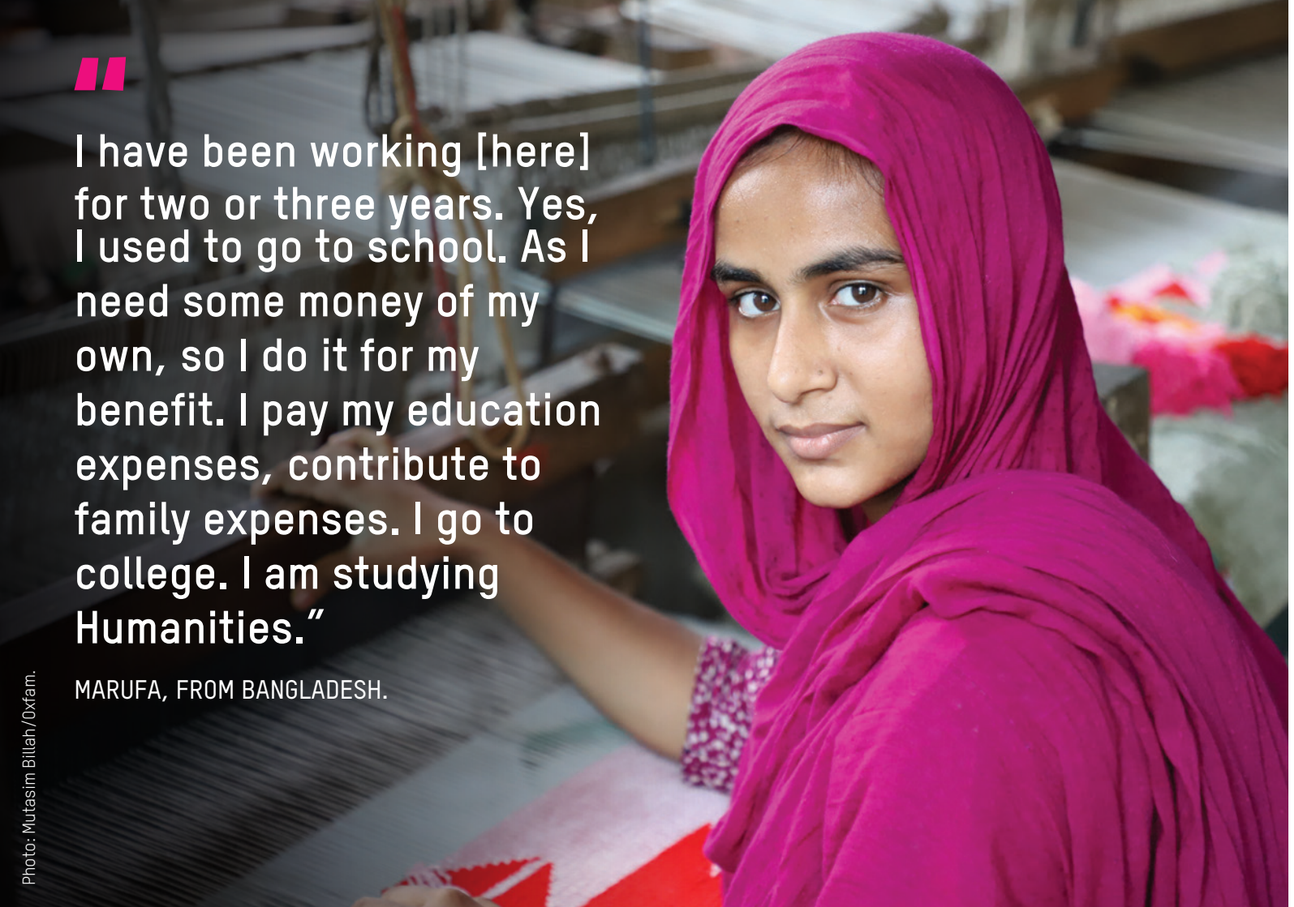
You will help communities find practical and innovative ways to lift themselves out of poverty. This means every child growing up with clean water and enough food to eat, going to school and finding a job, and enjoying equality no matter who they are or where they have come from.

It's simple. You can do it now. Your values can live on, in practical hands-on projects, inspiring others with your passion to leave the world a fairer place.

You can inspire change beyond your lifetime

With people like you prepared to stand-up and do something about injustice, real, long-term change is possible. We can inspire future generations. We can continue to encourage government and big businesses to do the right thing. We can instil strength and courage in people so they can speak up for themselves and their communities.

With a gift in your Will, you can continue to create a more equal and fairer world for everyone in it.



"I have been working [here] for two or three years. Yes, I used to go to school. As I need some money of my own, so I do it for my benefit. I pay my education expenses, contribute to family expenses. I go to college. I am studying Humanities."

MARUFA, FROM BANGLADESH.

Photo: Mutasim Billah/Oxfam.

In every country in the world, women and girls suffer discrimination that can leave them poorer, excluded from education, and vulnerable to gender-based violence and child marriage.

A gift in your Will can help women and girls overcome these barriers, so they can take their rightful place in society.

You can help future generations of women, like Marufa, a rug maker who works in a factory in Rangpur.

Nujhat, an entrepreneur and co-founder of the rug factory, said the factory increases sales by promoting the rugs online, through Oxfam's partner organisation, BeshiDeshi.

It is unusual for women to be active outside the home in this part of Bangladesh, but by working in the rug factory, they are able to push the boundaries of these social norms.

"For women, actually going out becomes a bit of a problem for them. That is why, if there is any institution near their house, it becomes easier for them to do the work," Nujhat said. "And in our country, it is very rare for girls to go outside. They are not comfortable. Which is why we choose this."

The women have flexible working conditions, allowing them to also look after their families and increase their income.

Your legacy can be a fairer, more equal world for women and girls.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL IS EASY

We all need a Will. It's the best way to ensure that our wishes are carried out in the event of our death.

Once you have taken care of your own family, a gift to Oxfam in your Will helps take care of your global family. Your gift will show those you love the values most important to you – justice, fairness, dignity for all. Your example encourages others to join you in working for a fairer world.

We recommend you speak to your solicitor to make sure your wishes can be carried out in the way you would like. And, of course, our team is on hand to answer any questions you may have.

There are three main ways you can remember your global family with a gift to Oxfam in your Will. You can...

- **Include a percentage of the remainder of your estate.** This is known as the "residue". After you have provided for your friends and family, you can leave a percentage of the remainder of your estate to Oxfam. Any percentage will make a huge difference and this kind of gift won't lose its value over time.
- **Nominate a percentage of your estate** that you would like Oxfam to receive. It can be as little as 1% and as big as 100% and this gift will also keep its value over time.
- **Leave a specific amount of money,** real estate or shares to Oxfam — this is known as a pecuniary gift.

Gaibandha, Bangladesh (L-R): Tahera, Hamida and Samina at a food bank. Each time they cook a meal, food bank members set aside a handful of rice, which they deposit in a canister once a month. They withdraw from the stores whenever they need to. Oxfam's partner organisation, SKS, supports food banks and other disaster risk reduction projects. Photo: Elizabeth Stevens/Oxfam.

If you have any questions about how you can include Oxfam in your Will, simply call us on 1800 088 110.

Dhaka, Bangladesh: Kakoli* and Sabina* work in a garment factory and barely earn enough to meet their basic needs. Oxfam's What She Makes campaign demands that big brands pay the women who make our clothes a living wage. Photo: Fabeha Monir/Oxfam.
*Names changed to protect identity.

WHAT DOES YOUR WILL NEED TO SAY?

To keep things simple, we've provided some helpful wording that you can share with your solicitor in order to include a gift to Oxfam in your Will.

"I give, devise and bequeath, free of all duties and taxes *<_____> to Oxfam Australia (ABN 18 055 208 636) of 355 William St, West Melbourne VIC 3003 (or its successor organisation) for its general purposes. An authorised receipt from Oxfam Australia will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee without seeing the final distribution."

*insert one of the following:

- The whole (or ...%) of the residue of my estate.
- The whole (or ...%) of my estate.
- The sum of $(amount).
- Details of a particular asset (such as shares or property).

Already have a Will?

If you already have a Will and would now like to include a gift to Oxfam, all you have to do is contact your solicitor to add a "codicil" to your Will, which is an amendment to your exisiting Will.

Thanks to people like you, Oxfam is able to respond quickly with life-saving aid and supplies when disasters strike.

When two powerful earthquakes devastated large parts of southern Türkiye and northern Syria in February 2023, Oxfam was there with fresh water, food, hygiene supplies and cash vouchers.

You can support life-saving solutions like this now, and beyond your lifetime. With a gift in your Will, we can continue to save lives in times of disaster.

Hatay community, Türkiye: A mother and her two young sons sit in a tent with boxes of Oxfam supplies.
Photo: Delizia Flaccavento/Oxfam.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Including a gift to Oxfam in your Will is an act of trust. That's why it's so important to us to respect your trust, by committing to:

1. Spending your gift efficiently and cost-effectively so it has the most impact.
2. Respecting your privacy and looking after your gift with sensitivity and care.
3. Recognising that including Oxfam in your Will is a personal decision which you are entitled to change.
4. Remaining transparent and accountable, and being on hand to answer any questions you may have.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

Choosing to include Oxfam in your Will is a very personal decision and we understand you may have a few questions about it.

If you would like more information about how to go about making your gift, or the impact your gift will have, please give us a call on **1800 088 110**. We're happy to help.

Marsabit, Kenya: Rangison is a project participant of multipurpose cash transport supported by Oxfam and PACIDA. Photo: Andrew Mboya/Oxfam

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

I don't have a Will. Should I get one?

Everyone should have a valid Will. It's the only way to ensure our wishes are carried out when we pass away. We recommend you speak to a solicitor so you can rest assured you have a professionally written Will.

I already have a Will but I would like to include Oxfam now. Can I?

Yes. To update an existing Will with a gift to Oxfam, you need to add a "codicil" which is an amendment to your exisiting Will. Your solicitor can help you with this.

Don't you have to be rich to include a charity in your Will?

More and more people choose to include a charity like Oxfam in their Will. Any gift, large or small, can make a huge difference to ending poverty and building a fairer future. Of course, family comes first, and if you are worried about leaving a specific or pecuniary gift, you can leave a percentage of your estate.

How will my gift be used?

Your gift will be used where it is most needed, to achieve the greatest impact at the time of your passing. If you wish to support one area of work, such as girls' education or clean water, give us a call on 1800 088 110 before visiting your solicitor.

What will my family think?

Your gift will show those you love the values most important to you - justice, fairness and dignity for all. It's a good idea to discuss your intentions with your family.

Photo: Hans Bach/Oxfam. *Name changed.

THANK YOU

With the support of people like you, Oxfam's Humanitarian, Development & Peace initiative for crisis-affected populations in Uganda is supporting people like Vicky (front cover) and her daughter, Adhel*, (pictured) as they live in a refugee settlement.

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