



LEAVING A FAIRER WORLD

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



OXFAM
Australia

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, families like Zelesi's have enough to eat, women have confidence and girls can pursue their dreams.

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 am so happy and even the other people in my community are following this new way of eating and it's brought improvement. I am one of the happiest of all of them."

ZELISI FROM MALAWI



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL HELPS COMMUNITIES BE BETTER PREPARED TO FACE CLIMATE CHANGE

Mansil knows first-hand the challenges a changing climate will bring to the next generation. A fisherman in Vanuatu, he has endured the terrible impact of Cyclone Pam, which ravaged the coastal area where he makes his home. At the same time, climate change is having a devastating effect on the reefs where he fishes, and the availability of food.

"I think the world is not doing enough. When we are planning, we need to think of our kids and grandkids."

When you include Oxfam in your Will, you can remember the kids and grandkids in communities like Vanuatu and help them overcome the impacts of climate change. You will help villagers to develop new farming techniques so they can harvest enough food for their families, as climate change forces them to adapt.

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing the future of our planet. You can help communities be ready to meet it.

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MANSIL FROM VANUATU





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.



A photograph of three young children of African descent. The child in the foreground is a girl with short hair, wearing a light blue lace-trimmed top, holding a black and tan puppy. Behind her are two boys, one in a striped shirt and another in a blue shirt, both holding smaller tan and black puppies. They are outdoors with green grass and a blue sky in the background. A white text box is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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

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 create a more equal and fairer world for everyone in it.

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and I feel that now
I am myself.

I feel free as a woman.”

LIONAH FROM ZIMBABWE



“I HAVE THE STRENGTH NOW”

In every country in the world, women and girls suffer discrimination that can leave them poorer, excluded from education, 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 mothers like Lionah in Zimbabwe. With the support of a self-help group funded in part by gifts in Wills, Lionah and her fellow women in the village learnt about their legal and human

rights, as well as taking part in vital education on sexual health, hygiene, and sanitation.

“We became confident and we could discuss issues which we could not discuss with our husbands before. We could claim our space, know our rights, and understand those rights.”

Lionah is now passing down her knowledge to her daughter — just as a gift in your Will can pass down your love and values to your global family and the next generation.

“It makes me feel free and I feel that now I am myself. I feel free as a woman.”

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.

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





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 130-138 Leicester Street, Carlton, Victoria 3053 (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 existing Will.

A young boy with a joyful expression is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a teal long-sleeved shirt and has a blue plastic container balanced on his head. His arms are raised, holding the sides of the container. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

Thanks to people like you, a borehole was recently rehabilitated so that children could wash their hands at their primary school in Zimbabwe. The joy that it brought spread to the entire community.

You can create life-changing, tangible solutions like this beyond your lifetime.

With a gift in your Will, future generations can drink clean, safe water.

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.



Photo: Alicia Grocz/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 existing 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.



THANK YOU

With the support of people like you, Marcelina and her husband Fernando in Timor-Leste (pictured), have turned drought-stricken soil into fertile fields filled with profitable crops. They are now self-sufficient — with plenty to eat and enough left over to sell at the local market.

"When Oxfam came, we planted everything like veggies and corn, and we harvested much more than before. Our life is better."

MARCELINA FROM TIMOR-LESTE

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