

# HELP THE NEXT GENERATION WRITE THEIR STORY

YOUR GUIDE TO  
GIFTS IN WILLS



OXFAM

# EVERY GENERATION DESERVES TO BE HEARD

**“My name’s Joyce – I’m a climate activist in Mombasa, Kenya.**

I’m motivated to fight for climate justice – because I’ve seen how disproportionate the impact of climate change is on communities that have done the least to contribute to it.

Climate change has had a devastating impact on my community. It’s caused food and water insecurity, prolonged droughts and floods that have disrupted agricultural productivity.

Young activists like me have started to take action – planting trees and increasing environmental awareness.

The planet that we all share belongs to everyone, and everyone needs to share in the responsibility. We all must work together to preserve it for ourselves, right now – and for future generations, too.”

**With a gift in your Will, you’ll continue to support activists – like Joyce – as they fight for the future they want.**



Joyce, 30, is galvanising her community to take action against climate change.

**COVER PHOTO:** Indrawati, who overcame gender oppression, is teaching and inspiring the new generation.



**“IT WAS NO SURPRISE TO ME THAT MY MUM WANTED TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO OXFAM.”**

Nessy

**Seeing the difference her mum’s gift could make was an incredible way of helping Nessy process her grief – and feel proud of her family’s legacy.**

Nessy’s mum was passionate about fighting for what’s important. That’s why, when she passed away, she left a gift in her Will to Oxfam – and why Nessy has pledged to do the same.

“My Mum always stood above the parapet for global justice”, says Nessy. “It was no surprise to me that my mum wanted to leave a legacy to Oxfam.”

“I think it had a huge effect on the grieving process for me. It perpetuated her memory in a really meaningful way.”

It was empowering for Nessy to learn that her mum’s gift has been put to great use.



Nessy, pictured with her mum.

In Liberia, her mum’s gift has gone towards giving more people access to public and home toilets. In Cambodia, people were able to access training to prepare their community for worsening flooding.

**“Leaving a legacy to Oxfam is one of the most impactful ways that you can influence change. That was my mum’s gift to us: enriching, enduring and meaningful. What a gift, and what a legacy!”**

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

**With supporters like you, we’re a global movement – and we have a proud history of fighting for what’s right...**

**1942**

Oxfam’s founding members come together – pushing Churchill’s government to allow food shipments to Europe.



**1945**

Oxfam – along with our supporters – get behind a campaign to persuade the UK government to send food parcels to Germany.



**1947**

We open our first ever Oxfam shop on Oxford’s Broad Street.



## FOLLOW THE OXFAM STORY:

## CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

In the communities around the Mahakali River in Nepal, women like Kabita are stepping up in the face of poor drinking water and farming irrigation issues.

Through the Women Empowerment Centre (WEC), Kabita learnt scientific techniques to test the condition of the river, which was making people sick. Alongside other women, she's now equipped to teach her community about clean water and hygiene – and help keep more people safe.

What's more, the WEC – an Oxfam partner – has helped Kabita find confidence she never knew she had.

"Initially when I came to the Women Empowerment Centre, I couldn't even introduce myself," she recalls. "I feared coming out of my home alone, thinking how would I manage alone being a woman?"

But at the centre, she explains, "we learnt about our rights, and that men and women are equal."



Photo: Kishor Sharma/Oxfam

Kabita is a farmer who joined the WEC and is among the citizen scientists who test water.

That confidence – as well as the tools to establish their own businesses – is why Kabita's peers are flourishing, selling their own products and earning a fair living.




Kabita's also been using her new skills to advocate for her community, pushing for the new roads and proper drainage systems that will radically improve their lives.

**A gift in your Will could empower citizen scientists like Kabita.**

## GETTING STARTED

If you're preparing to write or amend your Will, and include a gift to Oxfam, here's a checklist that'll help.

You can leave three different types of gift in your Will:

-  a percentage of your estate (a residuary gift)
-  a fixed sum or 'cash' gift (a pecuniary gift)
-  an item or property.

Most people choose to leave a percentage, as this keeps its value over time – meaning more impact for people overcoming poverty.

**If you're including a gift to Oxfam, make sure you use these details:**

Registered charity name: Oxfam  
Registered charity number: 202918 (England and Wales) and SC039042 (Scotland)  
Registered charity address: Oxfam GB, Oxfam House, John Smith Drive, Oxford OX4 2JY

## HERE'S HOW TO WRITE YOUR WILL

Writing your Will can seem overwhelming – which is why we've written this list to help you get started. You'll need:

- the help of a trusted solicitor or legal expert
- a list of your main assets and important possessions
- a list of who you want to inherit, and specifically what you'd like to leave them
- to decide who will be the legal guardian of your dependents, if you have them
- to think about your wishes for your funeral, if it's a good time to do so
- to decide what type of gift you'd like to leave to a charity, if any.

**If you're looking for someone to guide you through the process and write your Will for free – you'll learn more about our Free Will offer later in this booklet.**

**1951**

A famine hits Bihar, India. Oxfam and our partners launch our first emergency response in the area.



**1959**

World Refugee Year was declared, which led to the raising of £755,000 for Oxfam to go towards the resettlement of refugees.



**1964**

Oxfam supporters band together to rally in Trafalgar Square – raising awareness of the root causes of global hunger.



**1965**

Mick Jagger signs our Youth Against Hunger declaration – inspiring a new generation.



# A GLOBAL FRONT AGAINST INJUSTICE

In 2023, Oxfam GB – along with our partners – supported over 9.8 million people to tackle poverty. United across borders and powered in part by gifts in Wills – we're fighting for a fairer future.

## CONFIDENT WOMANHOOD IN NIGER

Ramatou Adamou is just one of many women in her community who've been able to set up their own business. Now, they're financially independent – and providing the means for the next generation of women to get an education.



Photo: Ibrahim Ousmane/Oxfam Novib

GUATEMALA



## GROWING POWER IN GUATEMALA

Farmers like Enrique Pérez in the Dry Corridor – an area vulnerable to extreme droughts due to climate change – are being equipped with drought-resistant crops and farming techniques to enable them adapt to the climate crisis.

NIGER

KENYA

PAKISTAN

INDONESIA

## INSPIRING AMBITION IN INDONESIA

Indrawati is breaking free from the limitations society places on women and girls. She's a university student, tutor, and an advocate for equality – using her own experience of oppression to teach the next generation, with the support of Gema Alam, one of Oxfam's partners.



Photo: M. Nugie and Andito Wasi/Oxfam



Photo: Ingenious Captures/Oxfam

## BRINGING HOPE IN PAKISTAN

In Balochistan, Southwestern Pakistan, Maria\* is working with Oxfam as a Social Mobiliser in the long-lasting wake of the 2022 floods – which devastated lives. She's working tirelessly within her own community to assess property damage, distribute food, and get people the help they need.

\*Name has been changed for privacy

## WATER FOR LIFE IN KENYA

Madina Mohamad, a resident of Rapsu village, is part of the water committee working to secure clean water in her village. Now, she's got a 100-litre tank, as well as the means to make water safe to drink – she no longer has to spend half the day, walking up to 30km, fetching it.



Photo: Eyeris Communications/Oxfam



86 COUNTRIES.



446 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS.



9.8 MILLION PEOPLE.

# COCOA FARMING FOREVER



Photo: Nana Kofi Acquah/Oxfam

Leticia is a self-made business owner who mentors female cocoa farmers.

She's a self-made business owner, using her experience to mentor cocoa farmers, fight for their rights – and protect the price of cocoa. It's no wonder Leticia Yankey was elected Ghana's Best Enterprising Cocoa Farmer in 2019.

Leticia taught herself to make chocolate in her kitchen. Today, she owns three plantations, and manages her own chocolate value chain.

She's also the founder of the first women-only cocoa cooperative, Cocoa Mmaa, which supports more than 600 farmers – and is backed up by Oxfam.

"I thought, okay, so I'm doing something good – why don't I mentor women?" She explains. "I saw that those women who are following their husbands, they don't get anything from their farm."

The rest of the time, Leticia fights for fairer prices for farmers. "We are losing a lot of cocoa farmers, because of the price," she explains. "It makes the work unprofitable."

As a result, many farmers are letting illegal gold-miners work on their land instead. Leticia believes this isn't right.

"I'm telling the big companies that if they don't increase the price of cocoa, and if they don't improve the living income of the cocoa producers, their companies are going to be in danger."

She's a powerhouse – and she's proving the power of chocolate to transform communities.

**With a gift in your Will, you could invest in leaders like Leticia.**

## FAQS

**Q** When's the best time to make my Will?

We'd recommend getting your Will sorted as soon as possible. With your Will up-to-date, you can know that your loved ones are looked after. A new home, retiring, and a new edition to the family are all good reasons to write or review your Will, too.

**Q** What if I change my mind?

If you've included a gift in your Will, and told us that you've done so, you can change your mind at any time – but you will need to amend your Will if this is the case.

**Q** Why do Oxfam want me to reply to this pack?

By knowing your intentions, it helps us plan more accurately for longer term projects and gives us the chance to thank you properly.

### ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Just visit [oxfam.org.uk/my-gift](https://oxfam.org.uk/my-gift) or get in touch with our Gifts in Wills team on 0300 200 1331.

**1969**

50,000 people took part in Oxfam's largest ever charity walk in London.



**1972**

We send our largest amount of aid so far: £1 million for water, re-housing and agricultural support to Bangladesh.



**1984**

As a famine spreads across Ethiopia, our brilliant supporters donate £12.5 million in four months to help.



**1985**

The UN held its first women's conference at the end of the UN's Decade for Women, which focused on revolutionising women's rights across the globe.



# YOUR FREE WILL OFFER

Did you know there are four ways you can write or amend your simple Will for free through our partners?

## 1 Phone appointment

Make or amend your Will at a time and place to suit you. Start by requesting a callback from our partner at [oxfam.org.uk/phone](http://oxfam.org.uk/phone). They'll return your call within three weeks to book you a phone appointment with a legal expert.

## 2 Through a trusted local solicitor

Meet a solicitor in-person by filling out the form at [oxfam.org.uk/solicitor](http://oxfam.org.uk/solicitor). Then, our partner organisation National Free Wills Network will send you a pack – with a list of accredited solicitors in your area who are taking part in the scheme.

## 3 At home

Request a home visit from one of our partners at [oxfam.org.uk/athome](http://oxfam.org.uk/athome), and arrange it for a time to suit you – even at the weekend. This service is only available in England and Wales.

## 4 Online

You can make or update your Will online, for free, thanks to our partners at Farewill. Simply visit [farewill.com/oxfam-pack](http://farewill.com/oxfam-pack) and follow the steps. Farewill also offers online support, if you need it.

Using our Will-writing service is cost free to you, because Oxfam takes on the fee. The services include a simple Will, and there is a mirror Will option available.

## Suggested wording

When making or re-writing your Will, all you, your solicitor or Will writer needs to include a gift is the Name, Address and Charity No. of the organisation you'd like to leave a gift to.

For Oxfam, that would be: **Oxfam OX4 2JY, Registered Charity Number 202918.**

There's no obligation for you to include a gift to Oxfam in your Will when you take advantage of our free offer. But if you do, we'd be so grateful.

**Even a small percentage of your estate would mean so much in our fight for fairness, equality and justice.**



# SEEDS OF CHANGE

In Nepal, agriculture is key to the local economy – employing 65% of the population. However, climate change threatens a way of life that has been vital to the people of Nepal for so long.

"It's been difficult", Tikeswhori explains. "Now, our fields have no production, and we have to buy from outside to feed our families."

By working closely with LI-BIRD, our partners on the ground, Oxfam have launched the Sowing Diversity scheme. Through this scheme, farmers like Tikeswhori can access high-quality, climate resilient seeds and farming techniques that help crops to grow – even as the climate changes.

Not only does this allow for reliable access to crops – including lentils, maizes and root vegetables – it means that farmers can pass on what they've learned to future generations.

"We have learned to grow different crops", Tikeswhori says. "And if we know something – then we share it."

Tikeswhori tends to her climate-resilient farm.



Photo: Kishor Sharma / Oxfam

1995

Oxfam GB joins up with independent non-governmental organisations in other countries – including Hong Kong, Australia and Belgium – to form Oxfam International.



2005

Thousands of people march past the Houses of Parliament first thing in the morning to 'wake MPs up' to trade justice.



2006

8 million people in the UK take a stand against poverty by wearing Make Poverty History white wristbands.



2011

Alongside our partners, Oxfam launches the GROW campaign globally – calling out for a world where everyone has enough food to eat.



**“I’VE LEFT A GIFT TO OXFAM  
IN MY WILL BECAUSE I’D  
LIKE TO GO ON KNOWING  
I’M DOING SOME GOOD,  
EVEN AFTER I’VE DIED.”**

Mary, 84, has pledged  
a gift to Oxfam in her Will

If you have any questions,  
please don’t hesitate to contact  
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**2022**

141,509 supporters  
sign our letter  
to world leaders  
– demanding  
Climate Justice  
for overlooked  
communities.



**2024**

**THE FUTURE IS WRITTEN  
IN YOUR WILL – TOGETHER,  
WE CAN KEEP UP THE FIGHT  
FOR A FAIRER WORLD.**