

CHANGE IS STILL POSSIBLE

WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO OXFAM



OXFAM
Australia



TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

“I truly believe that leaving a gift in your Will to Oxfam is one of the best investments you can make to help create a world without the injustice and unnecessary suffering of poverty. And it’s your chance to create a world you’d want the young people of tomorrow to grow up in.”



PETER SINGER
PHILOSOPHER, ETHICIST
AND OXFAM SUPPORTER



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A GIFT
IN YOUR WILL CAN

**GIVE A
GENERATION
CLEAN
WATER**



A FAIRER FUTURE

“Before Oxfam came into our life, our life was very poor. We didn’t do terracing, we just planted straight into the ground. When we would collect our harvest it wasn’t much, it was very little. When Oxfam came, we planted everything like vegies and corn, and we harvested much more than before. Our life is better.”

MARCELINA AQUESEN

No matter where you live in the world, life revolves around doing the best you can for yourself, and for your family. But for the many millions of people living in poverty, every day is a challenge: to be healthy, to get an education, to put food on the table — even to stay alive.


Poverty is not inevitable. It’s not fair and it can be ended. The communities that we work with just want the chance to make change happen for themselves — to build a brighter future for their children, to live in a fairer world.

In Timor-Leste, Marcelina Aquesen and her husband Fernando Meo (pictured) have been doing just that. With the support of people like you,

they 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.

It’s the start of a life-changing journey that is being repeated around the world. It’s development in action. And it means that poor communities get the support they need to make life a little fairer. To do the best for their family. To make a better future possible.

Please consider including a gift to Oxfam in your Will. However large or small, it will make positive and lasting change possible in communities like Marcelina’s.









YOU AND OXFAM MAKING CHANGE POSSIBLE

As a supporter of Oxfam, you are part of a global community of millions of people who believe that a better world is possible. From our expert staff in the field, to the local organisations we empower; our supporters and campaigners, to the women, men and children we help to overcome poverty. Together, this is how we're making change happen.

OVERCOMING POVERTY

We work with communities to find practical and innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. That means they have clean water and enough food to eat, they can earn money and get an education, and women and men have equal rights.

Because when people no longer have to worry about the basics in life, they can do so much more. Their children will have the chance to plan for their future. The cycle of poverty will be broken.

SAVING LIVES

When it comes to saving lives during a disaster, fast action is critical. Oxfam is renowned for speed and efficiency when it comes to delivering large-scale water supplies and disease-preventing sanitation, even in the toughest of conditions. But with climate change making natural disasters more powerful and frequent, communities also need to be prepared for when the worst happens.

We work with communities to adapt to changing weather patterns, create emergency response plans, and build infrastructure that will reduce the damage when a disaster strikes.

CAMPAIGNING FOR CHANGE

Making the world a fairer place is critical to turning poverty on its head. That's why we campaign for change around the world — helping women especially, to speak out and be heard — and fight for people's fair share of rights and opportunities.

Change doesn't happen overnight. Persuading governments and big businesses to do the right thing takes persistence. But by empowering people to have a say in decisions that affect their lives, we know that change is possible.



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HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE

MAKE A WILL. LEAVE A GIFT. IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Having a valid Will means that what you own goes directly to the people and causes you care most about. If, like many of our supporters, you chose Oxfam, we want to say a heartfelt thank you!

If you haven't written a will yet, we know that you'll want to think of your loved ones first. However, we truly appreciate that you would also consider leaving something for some of the world's most vulnerable people too.

And it doesn't take long to change the world — a simple Will can take as little as one hour to do.

We suggest that you speak to your solicitor to make sure that your wishes can be carried out in the way you would like. But we're always here to answer any questions you may have about including a gift to Oxfam Australia.

There are a number of ways to support our work through your Will. You can:

- Include a percentage of the remainder of your estate (known as the residue). After you have provided for your friends and family, just a small percentage, such as 5% or 10%, will make a huge difference. And this type of gift won't lose its value over time.
- Nominate a percentage of your estate that you would like Oxfam to receive (from 1–100%). This gift will also keep its value over time.
- Leave a specific amount of money, real estate, shares etc to Oxfam (known as a pecuniary bequest).

WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

Below is the most effective wording to include a gift to Oxfam Australia in your Will. Please take this with you when you visit your solicitor.

"I give, free of all duties and taxes * _____ to Oxfam Australia (ABN 18 055 208 636) of 130–138 Leicester Street, Carlton, Victoria 3053 for its general purposes. An authorised receipt from Oxfam Australia will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee."

*insert either:

- 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).

If you would like your gift to go towards a specific area of our work, please call us on 1800 088 110 before you see your solicitor.

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 make a "codicil". When you next see your Solicitor just take a copy of our wording with you and they can simply update your existing Will for you.



OUR COMMUNITY

When you include a gift in your Will to Oxfam, you join a community of our most loyal and valued supporters. People like Sue and Ewan.

SUE WILSON

“I was a teacher for several years, so I know how vital it is to create a healthier future for our children.

“There’s so much suffering in this world. You just need to pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV to see it. But I’ve been supporting Oxfam for a long time now and I’ve seen the difference they’ve been able to make over the years. And I trust that they’ll carry on doing a great job in the future.

“I can only give so much at the moment because I also need to live, but when I’m no longer here, I won’t need the money I’ve accumulated. We all have the power to do good by contributing our time and money — but a bequest can be larger. And I believe that if everyone gave just a small percentage in their Will, the world would be a very different place.





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Photo: Amy Christian/Oxfam

“It means a great deal to me to know that through my Will, in some far corner of the world, I can make a difference. It feels wonderful to be able to send money into the future.”

EWAN OGILVY

“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.”

WHAT CAN A GIFT IN YOUR WILL ACHIEVE?

Sam was a wonderful supporter of Oxfam who achieved a lot in his life. And despite living with muscular dystrophy he was always concerned for others who he thought were less fortunate. In his Will, Sam chose to remember Oxfam. His gift means that we can send 100 young people from South Africa who are living with HIV to a youth camp, where they learn about treatment, nutrition and standing up to discrimination. The program allows the children — many of whom are orphaned or have parents who are unable to support them — to connect with each other, receive support and advice, and enjoy themselves.



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**KEEP A
GENERATION
HEALTHY**





Photo: Tom Pietrasik/Oxfam



ONIMA'S STORY

Many people find that they're able to give more generously to Oxfam through their Will than they ever could during their lifetime. In fact, you might be surprised to hear what just a small percentage of your estate can achieve.

Despite significant progress in Bangladesh over the past two decades, 20% of the rural population and 15% of people living in urban areas still don't have access to clean water and sanitation facilities.

However, young women like Onima — who grew up in a slum in Mymensingh — are working to change those statistics. At just 15 years old, Onima conducts hygiene promotion classes with adolescent girls in her community, teaching them the importance of washing hands before eating, maintaining proper menstrual hygiene, and other key health messages.

She also volunteers with Oxfam's partner, NGO Forum, in sharing her knowledge of disaster preparedness.

"When I was younger, I attended sessions like these myself," she said. "That's my inspiration: they taught me a lot and told me to share what I know. I'm exploring my potential. Maybe others have strong potential too but because of lack of resources they don't reach their potential."

Typically, a small percentage of a person's Will can help to build about 25 public toilet blocks and public baths for women and girls like Onima living in slums in Mymensingh.

WE PROMISE YOU

Leaving a gift in your Will to Oxfam is one of the best ways to support our work. In return, we promise you that:

- Every dollar you give will be stretched as far as possible. We will spend your gift efficiently and cost-effectively so it has the most impact.
 - We will respect your privacy and look after your gift to us with sensitivity and care.
 - We know that your decision is yours alone and that circumstances can change. You may, of course, change your mind about your gift to Oxfam at any time in the future.
 - We will remain transparent and accountable.
 - We'd love to hear if you've chosen to include us in your Will — but you don't have to tell us. If you do choose to let us know, we'd really just like to say thank you.
- We'd also like to give you the choice about how we contact you in the future. That way we can keep you connected to the life-changing work your gift will make possible.
 - We are always here. If there is anything you want to know about your gift to us, or the communities you are helping to thrive, please get in touch.

For a confidential conversation, you can contact a Bequest team member on Freecall 1800 088 110 or at bequest@oxfam.org.au



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EMPOWER A
GENERATION OF
WOMEN

THANK YOU

for sharing our vision of a future that is both fair and free from poverty. With your help we've been able to transform countless lives over the past six decades. In the last 20 years alone, over 660 million people have risen out of poverty; yet one third of the world still continue to live below the poverty line. But we know we can improve that statistic. Together, we can keep making sure that change is possible — with a gift in your Will to Oxfam, you can help to change the world.

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