

# CHANGE IS STILL POSSIBLE

WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO OXFAM



**OXFAM**  
New Zealand

# TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

“Leaving a gift in our Will is an amazing way to make a long term difference for the many families and communities working with Oxfam to build a world without injustice and poverty. It’s our chance to leave our mark and make the world to be a better place for our children/tamariki and our grandchildren/mokupuna to raise their families in.”



RACHAEL LE MESURIER  
OXFAM NEW ZEALAND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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GIVE A  
GENERATION  
CLEAN  
WATER





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# CLEAN WATER SAVES LIVES

**When George is thirsty, he doesn't get a nice cold glass of clean water. Because, like four out of five other children living in rural Papua New Guinea, he has no access to safe drinking water.**

Rather than turn on a tap, George's mum, Sylvia, walks for many hours each week down steep tracks and then home again with a 30-litre jerry can of water strapped to her back. The journey is backbreaking and dangerous. "It's very slippery when it rains," she tells us.

Even with the water home safely, it's not always clean. As a result, George is often sick with life-threatening waterborne diseases like diarrhoea.

Yet, he is fortunate — Oxfam's Water programmes are tackling this critical issue with solutions that are tailored to local needs.

In George's village, this means installing header tanks and tap stands, and educating mums like Sylvia about the importance of hygiene.

Your gift can quench the thirst of little George and many other children for generations to come.









# 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 an hour to do.

We suggest that you speak to a 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 New Zealand.

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 New Zealand in your Will. Please take this with you when you visit your Solicitor.

**"I give, free of all duties and taxes \* \_\_\_\_\_ to Oxfam New Zealand of Level 1, 14 West Street, Newton, Auckland 1145 for its general purposes. An authorised receipt from Oxfam New Zealand will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee(s)."**

\*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 to discuss this with us before or after you talk to your Solicitor you can contact us on 0800 600 700.**

## 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 SUPPORTERS

When you include a gift in your Will to Oxfam, you join a group of our most loyal and valued supporters. People like Mary and Diana.

## MARY GRAY

Mary spent most of her working life helping others. As head of a home and family counselling service, she provided years of vital care and support to people experiencing difficult and stressful times.

Since retiring, Mary has had to keep a closer eye on how much she spends. "Every time I read a story about a community Oxfam has helped, I want to donate," says Mary.

However we all know that this isn't always practical. That's why Mary has decided to leave a gift to Oxfam in her Will. Her family and loved ones have also been included, but she felt it was important to include causes she felt passionate about.

"I know that my support, both now, and in the future, will really change the lives of people living in poverty."





## DIANA RUTHERFORD

As a retired primary and special education teacher, Auckland grandma Diana knows a thing or two about making a positive and lasting difference to people's lives.

"I've been an Oxfam supporter since the 1970s. I've always believed in finding the light in all people and helping them to be the best they can be.

"One particularly important way for me to know I'm doing something that will make a lasting difference is by leaving a bequest to Oxfam in my Will," says Diana. "It's important for me to focus on what I can do and find the right balance. Leaving a bequest to Oxfam is something I know will make a lasting difference for people living in poverty."





Mama Rasta lives in Papua New Guinea, where women lag behind men in education, economic opportunity, health and politics. They also face outrageous violence. Mama's hand was cut off by villagers after she was accused of practising sorcery. But she received life-saving help and a prosthetic limb and is now on the road to rebuilding her life.

We help women get the medical and legal support they need and help them rebuild their confidence and independence so they can restart their lives. We are also challenging the low status of women and working with communities to protect and promote everyone's basic rights.

By choosing to remember Oxfam in your Will, you will help provide protection, counselling and support for women and children who've endured abuse.

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KEEP A  
GENERATION  
SAFE



# NEW OPPORTUNITIES

“My grandchild is better off because of this coconut project. I can now pay for his school fees ... I am able to make his life better.”

SILAITI LAISENI


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 Tonga, Silaiti Laiseni (pictured) and her neighbours have been doing just that. With

the support of people like you, they are turning coconuts into Virgin Coconut Oil, which is exported and sold in New Zealand stores. The community now has a new income from a crop that used to lie rotting or end up as pig food. The profitable palms are paying for school fees and giving young people a reason to stay in their local communities.

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 and to make a better future possible.







# 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 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 respect your privacy. 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 will remain transparent and accountable.
- 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, contact a member of our Relationships Team on freephone 0800 600 700 or [bequest@oxfam.org.nz](mailto:bequest@oxfam.org.nz)**

A photograph of three young girls in red school uniforms walking on a dirt path. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The girl on the left is holding a black bag. The girl in the middle is holding the hand of the girl on the right. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a dirt path.

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EMPOWER A  
GENERATION OF  
GIRLS AND 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.

Yet one third of the world still continue to live below the poverty line. We know that 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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