

A photograph of three African women smiling. The woman in the center is wearing a white headscarf with a blue patterned band and a white shawl with colorful embroidery. She is also wearing a colorful patterned skirt. The woman on the left is wearing a blue and white patterned headscarf and a dark top with a light-colored patterned shawl. The woman on the right is wearing a blue and white patterned headscarf and a black top with colorful polka dots. They are standing in front of a thatched hut.

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**Making a gift  
to ActionAid  
in your Will**



**Mercy Njuthie is from Kenya and is determined to create a better life for herself and her children. Tarpaulin lined ponds such as this help her rear catfish that provide a nutritious meal for her family. With training and support, Mercy built this pond and grows drought resistant crops on her small plot of land.**



### **How would you like to be remembered?**

Your last Will and Testament is an important action that reflects the commitments and values that you cherish and hold dear to your heart. ActionAid Australia promises to honour your gift to work in the communities where the need is greatest to end poverty and injustice.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to ActionAid Australia.

Your life changing act of generosity will empower future generations of women and girls, living in the most marginalised communities across the world.

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“I believe that empowering women and ending poverty come hand in hand. Empowered, educated, healthy women can only bring good to the world, not only to end poverty but to create a broader view within all fields. I want to get to a place where men and women all over the world are truly given equal opportunities and equal reach.”

– Freya Edney, VIC  
(ActionAid donor)

## **Your legacy will create a better future for women and girls**

ActionAid, previously known as Austcare, has worked with marginalised communities for over 30 years.

Our commitment to support the most vulnerable communities continued when Austcare joined ActionAid in 2009, becoming a part of a global federation working across 45 countries helping over 27 million people.

ActionAid is firmly committed to eradicating poverty, placing women and girls at the centre of our work.

Women are often the most marginalised and vulnerable in the communities we work in. Your legacy will create a better future for women and girls.

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“I like the fact that ActionAid isn’t just about providing relief but is an agent for social change, helping people to help themselves.”

– *Georgia Alice Wade, TAS*  
(ActionAid donor)





Tam Yum is 10 years old and loves to go to school. Education projects in Cambodia are helping parents to send their children to school as well as advocate for better services and infrastructure such as libraries, buildings and toilets.



**In Uganda, women face extreme levels of physical and sexual violence. Supporting programs which help women earn money and be financially independent, learn about their rights and fight for change for themselves and their community, are helping create a fair and equal world.**



## **Ways a gift in your Will could help**

### **Women's economic empowerment**

Agricultural training and support helps women learn new skills and earn money to care for their families, save money and plan for their future.

### **Women's rights and access to justice**

Support for survivors of sexual violence, girls at risk of female genital mutilation and early child marriage as well as support for women to recognise their rights and demand for change in their villages and community.

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“It was ActionAid (formerly Austcare) that came forward to help in our time of need when we spent refugee life in Nepal. I now want to return the help.”

– *Biswas Zadduala, NSW*  
(ActionAid donor)

## Ways a gift in your Will could help

### Resilience and recovery from emergencies

Building the resilience of women during emergencies, supporting communities before and after disasters and helping women to become leaders in the emergency response.

### Addressing the structural causes of poverty

Supporting communities to campaign for change at government and policy level to create a fair and just society for women and girls.

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“The way to world peace, universal compassion and fulfilment of our human destiny starts with the nurturing of women and girls.”

– David Howsam, NSW  
(ActionAid donor)





In New Delhi, India, women took to the streets to protest against gender-based violence and campaign for change in their communities. 1 in 3 women around the world are at risk of physical or sexual violence.

# How to leave a gift in your Will

## Step 1

### Make or update your Will

Your Will is an important document that must be properly prepared and executed. Planning will save you time and money and also ensure your wishes are carried out.

**To make a Will**, we recommend you consult a solicitor who is experienced in Wills and estates. Although the costs may vary you can get an estimate to help you make the right choice. Alternatively, you may consider creating the Will yourself if your estate is not complicated. ActionAid recommends you seek professional advice to ensure your Will is valid.

**If you already have a Will**, you can easily update your existing Will to include a bequest by contacting your solicitor.

## Step 2

### Decide on your gift

There are three main ways to leave a bequest in your Will. Your solicitor or financial advisor can advise you on the best gift for you.

- **Residuary gift** – this means leaving the remainder (or percentage thereof) of your estate to ActionAid after family, friends and other beneficiaries have adequately been provided for.
- **Fixed sum of money gift** – also known as a pecuniary bequest, this gift is in the form of a specified cash amount, for e.g. \$25,000.
- **A fixed specific gift** – a gift in the form of other property such as: shares, vehicles, boats or items of jewellery.

## Step 3

### Communicate your final wishes

We believe it is an important step to talk to family and loved ones about your Will – communication will ensure your final wishes are carried out. Let your family know that an enduring gift to ActionAid is important to you and advise your executors and guardians of your wishes.

Please do let us know of your intended gift.

It will help us personalise our communication and report back to you on the projects that are of most interest to you. It gives us an opportunity to plan around program work in the community as well as invite you when we have updates from the teams and special events.

By remembering ActionAid in your Will, you are creating hope for a better future for women and girls.

**If you are kind enough to include a gift to ActionAid in your Will, please note the correct wording below:**

'I give to ActionAid Australia Pty Ltd ACN 001 251 930 (formerly Austcare) currently of 10 Mallett Street, Camperdown, NSW 2050, free of any mortgage, debt, duty or tax,

*[Choose and insert the appropriate statement from the list below]*

- the whole of my estate (*ActionAid receives the whole of your estate after executors have paid out debts*)
- (*insert number*) percentage of my estate
- the rest and residue of my estate (*ActionAid receives what is left after you have made specific gifts, to other beneficiaries*)
- the amount of \$ (*insert an amount*)
- My (*insert specific asset such as "my property located at ..." or "all of the funds in my ... Bank Account with account number ..."*)

for its general purposes AND I DIRECT that a receipt issued by an officer of ActionAid or an officer of the nominate charity shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustee(s)/Executor(s) who will not be bound to see its application.

If after my death ActionAid has amalgamated with another charity or changed its name, then I DIRECT my Trustee(s)/Executor(s) to pay this legacy to that charity or new entity.

If ActionAid has ceased to exist then I DIRECT my Trustee(s)/Executor(s) to pay this legacy to the charitable organisation which my Trustee(s)/Executor(s) consider most nearly fulfils the objects that I intended to benefit.



**Hanifa is a 14 year old Afghan girl. Being involved in the ActionAid skating program is giving girls the opportunity to explore a diverse range of activities, which help to challenge traditional roles for girls and promote gender equality.**



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