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Your life has been
filled with beautiful
moments



Make this
your next one.



“ActionAid has really helped me, together with my six children. We gained a lot of knowledge in agroecology that we have currently adopted here.”

Elizabeth Lokipunar is a farmer and grandmother from Komolion, Kenya.

After undertaking ActionAid training, she has been able to produce thriving crops in the face of a devastating, persistent drought.

Tomorrow, for her

The world doesn't treat women equally, or fairly. Globally, millions of girls are born into poverty, neglect and discrimination which marks their lives.

During conflict and disasters, women face increased risks of violence and sexual abuse. Around the world, women make up 70% of those living in poverty. They are often denied a fair wage or the right to own property. This strips them of their dignity, human rights and the power to make choices.

In your life, you've seen significant and meaningful changes in the way women live their lives and write their futures.

Thanks to the unrelenting efforts of women's rights advocates, Australia is growing closer to achieving gender equality. You may have even contributed to this work.

But Australia is only one country. All over the world women are denied their rights, and without the power of choice over their future. You can help them claim that power.

Tomorrow has to be different. With you, it can be. A future where everyone thrives starts when women thrive.

“What better legacy can we leave than one that supports the struggle of women and girls who have nothing like the chances and opportunities that many of us take for granted?”

- Megs Alston, Former Board Vice President of ActionAid Australia

Nothing feels as good as creating your own future

By leaving a gift in your Will, you'll empower women to change their world.

Your legacy could help shift power locally and globally to build a just, equitable, sustainable world where women thrive.

We do this by focussing on:



Self determination: To support women on the frontlines of the climate crisis to lead change in their communities.



Training and empowerment programs: To help women gain the power, networks and resources to drive change in their communities.



Advocacy and public engagement: To help increase women's leadership in formal decision-making spaces.



Campaigning for change: To change unjust government policies and corporate practices that impact the women we work with.

“Women have a key role to play in disaster response. ActionAid has supported women living in flood areas to prepare their communities.”

Biruni's community faces floods almost annually. As a member of her local committee, Biruni is leading women to be at the forefront of disaster management and building their community's resilience to disaster.

In your lifetime

Nearly 50 years ago, ActionAid Australia was founded as Austcare, an organisation dedicated to defending the rights of people seeking asylum and protection in emergencies. In 2009, we became ActionAid Australia.

Today, we are a global women's rights organisation working in over 70 countries to empower women on the frontlines of injustice to lead change in their communities.

We put the lived experience and leadership of women at the heart of everything we do. Our programs and campaigns are rooted in the priorities and rights of the women we work with.

Today, thanks to incredible supporters like you, ActionAid Australia has established itself as a leading voice in the global women's rights movement.

Together with our supporters, ActionAid has pioneered approaches and initiatives that have enabled women in poverty and exclusion to rise up and challenge the systems that keep them undermined and undervalued.

From Kenya to Cambodia and to the Pacific, the challenges created by the escalating climate crisis and disasters have meant that women's roles in crisis response are more crucial than ever.

We know that with women in the driving seat, change is possible and our vision of an inclusive world where women thrive is achievable.

When you leave a gift in your Will to ActionAid Australia, you are putting your life force behind the next generation of women and the communities they will impact.

Empower women. Change the world.

"The network totally changed the men's mentality. It drove away any doubts they had concerning what we were doing. They now come around to offer help and support us."

Betina Charlie is a leader of 'Women Talk Together' – a women-led movement responding to climate and humanitarian crises in Vanuatu. The network ensures women's rights are prioritised before, during and after emergencies.



“I do feel hopeful. Why? Because I am not staying still. I’m advocating for a change, and people can hear my voice.”

Lerato is a member of ActionAid’s Young Urban Women’s program in Malawi.

She is a passionate advocate for change, campaigning for women’s rights and empowering other young women to build their agency.

One moment can last forever

ActionAid’s vision is a just, fair and equitable world where all women thrive. We know this is the world you want to see, too.

Gifts in Wills are critical towards achieving this vision, because they give us the ability to plan for the future. These gifts help seed visionary programs that create a better future for all women.

In 2015, a generous gift in Will enabled us to scale up our work and create huge impact on the lives of women globally.

Because of this incredible gift, we have trained over 36,000 women in emergency preparedness and response, and reached over 3.8 million people worldwide.

This has led to transformational support for women globally, from Ukraine to the Phillipines, Indonesia to Syria, and Vanuatu to Kenya.

As the climate crisis takes hold, it’s clear that the need is growing. Gifts in Wills will always be crucial to our ability to scale up this work to respond to growing crises around the world. We need to make sure that women and communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis always have the resources they need to lead their communities to thrive through disasters and emergencies.

This is the power your decision can have. When you choose to leave a gift in your Will to ActionAid Australia, you are choosing to put your life force into action for the women of tomorrow. Your legacy will transform communities of women for generations to come.

A force for change, like you



All her life, Maxine has been curious about the world around her.

When Maxine was a little girl, her father, who was a renowned radio operator, gave her stamps

from communication cards around the world. This sparked a life-long interest in other countries and cultures.

As a young woman, Maxine hosted awareness-raising groups about the work of ActionAid (then called Austcare) and participated in fundraising door knocks. After her children left home to further their studies, Maxine travelled to India where she worked in a hospital for six months.

"I hate to see people exploited anywhere and I am a strong advocate for social justice," says Maxine. "I have family connections to disability and so I am particularly interested in how people with disabilities are treated in other countries."

Maxine has been supporting ActionAid for over 30 years. She has made the incredibly generous decision to leave a gift in her Will, which she says is 'the most significant gift I can make.'

"I love ActionAid because they relate to the people they support. They help them to determine what they need for themselves."

"ActionAid teaches women in particular, how to advocate for themselves, how to support one another in training and education for their children, in expecting

decent healthcare and political fairness in their dealings with authorities within their cultural structure. ActionAid teaches women and girls how to do that without being heavy-handed, and by respecting their traditional values.

"When asked why I give to ActionAid, my answer is – 'I feel very fortunate to live in Australia with all the benefits I have access to as a citizen and which, at times, I tend to take for granted. I am aware that such benefits are not available for so many women in other countries. I feel privileged, therefore, that by making a gift in my Will, I can continue my support of other women into the future through the work of ActionAid."

By leaving a gift in her Will, Maxine is ensuring that her life's force will continue. The values she lives by, and the choices she has made in her lifetime, will keep making an impact on the lives of generations of other women around the world.

"...I know the most significant gift I make can be the one that I leave in my Will. Please consider doing the same so that ActionAid can continue its unique work."



"If one is hardworking and committed, and is given the opportunity for development as I was, they will be able to make a change and sustain their livelihoods amidst other challenges like me."

Jane Limaki, from Baringo County, Kenya, has transformed her livelihood after undertaking ActionAid training in agroecology. Despite the persistent drought, she is successfully diversifying her farm by growing high-value crops like tomatoes, watermelons, beans, maize, and bananas.

Put your life force behind the women of tomorrow

When leaving a gift in your Will to ActionAid Australia, it's important to consider the kind of impact you want to make, so you can choose the type of gift that best reflects your vision.

Percentage or share

Sometimes called a 'residual gift', a percentage or share of your estate is what's left over after you've provided for your loved ones, and settled debts and expenses. You can choose a percentage of what remains, or all of it.

By choosing to leave a percentage or share of your estate, you'll ensure that your gift maintains its relative value, and will have the biggest impact.

Specific amount of money

Also known as a pecuniary gift, a specific sum can be any amount of your choosing.

Specific items of value

You may also choose to leave a specific item to ActionAid Australia, such as artwork, jewellery or shares.

A share or percentage of your estate, no matter what size, is one of the most impactful ways you can help empower women in the future.

How do I know what gift is right for me?

Most people choose to leave a residual gift, as this is the most effective way to ensure they can have the biggest impact on the causes they care about. The percentage of your estate is entirely up to you.

We recommend discussing your decision with your close family members, to ensure they understand why your choice to support ActionAid is important to you.

We recommend you seek advice from a solicitor before writing or updating your Will.



Wording to take to your solicitor

I give to ActionAid Australia Pty Ltd ACN 001 251 930 (formerly Austcare) currently of 115 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000, 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.

Our promise to you

Leaving a gift in your Will to ActionAid is a profoundly generous decision, and a testament to your passion for human rights and gender equality.

We're grateful there are generous people like you who share our vision of creating a more just, fair and sustainable world.

We recognise that leaving a gift in your Will is an incredible gesture of solidarity towards women of the future. We take your promise seriously, and would like to make you some promises in return.

“My dream for the future is for every girl to have an equal opportunity to have an education and to decide for herself what she does and how she lives her life.”

- Robyn, ActionAid supporter

We will respect your privacy, and your decision to leave a gift in your Will to ActionAid.

We will acknowledge that you can always change your mind, and that your family and loved ones will always come first.

We will treat your gift with the respect it deserves.

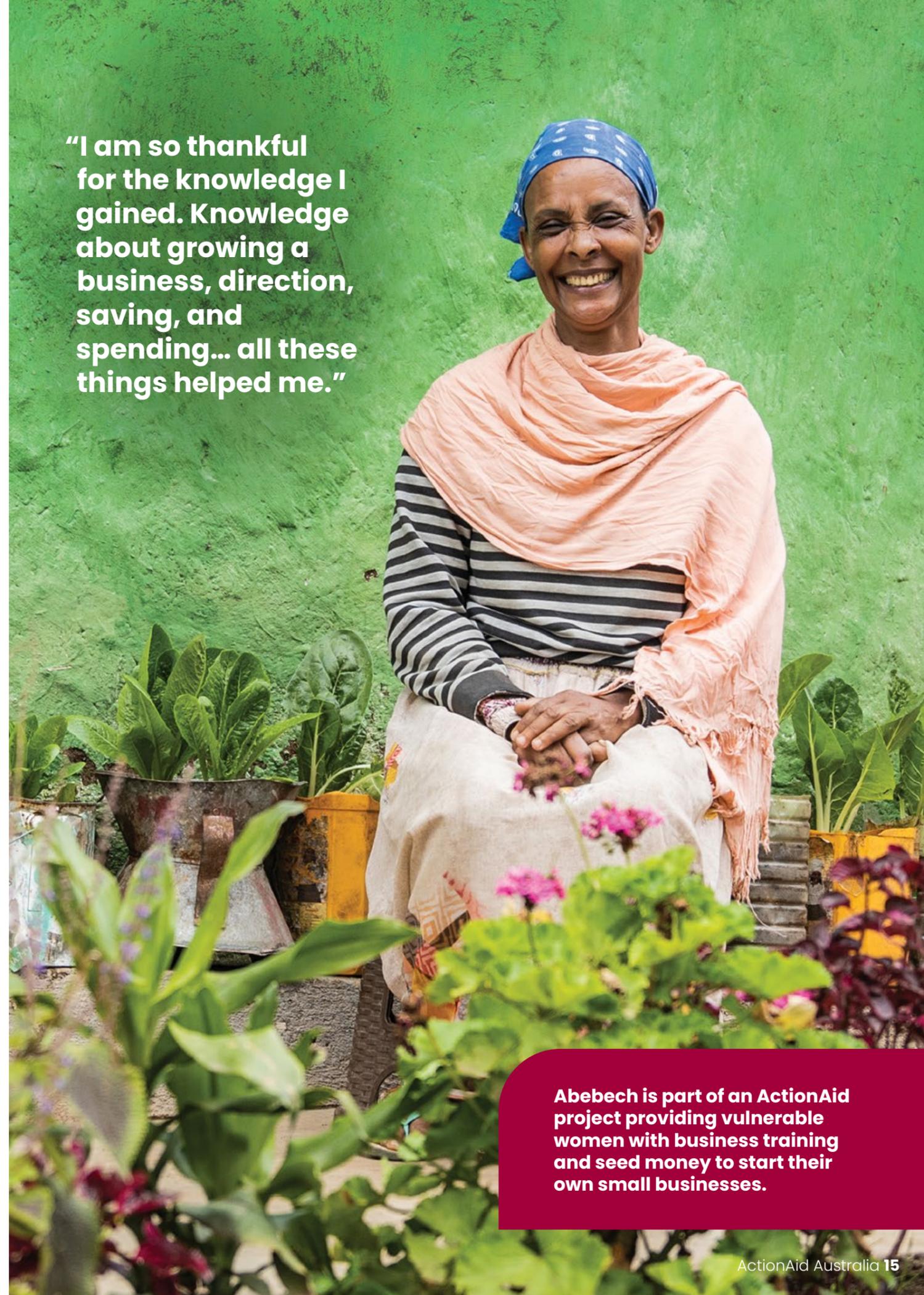
We will keep you and your family updated about the ways your gift will help create a world of opportunities for women and girls.

We will respect the importance of the decision to leave a gift in your Will, and recognise that this decision takes time.

We will show our deepest gratitude for this profound gift. We always recommend letting us know if you choose to leave a gift in your Will, so we can thank you personally.

We will ensure that your gift is used effectively, so that it has the biggest possible impact on the lives of women and girls.

“I am so thankful for the knowledge I gained. Knowledge about growing a business, direction, saving, and spending... all these things helped me.”



Abebech is part of an ActionAid project providing vulnerable women with business training and seed money to start their own small businesses.

Your values, your passion, your life force

**Your Will is a reflection of the love,
values and beliefs you live by.**

By including ActionAid Australia in your Will, you are empowering future generations of women and girls to thrive and succeed. Your legacy will be a world where women are leading change.

Empower Women. Change the world.

