

Your Will

CAN BE THEIR REFUGE



The UNHCR Guide to Legacy Giving



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FOREWORD

When we think about making a Will, it's only natural to consider loved ones first and foremost. Many people also find a place in their Will to reflect on other important aspects of their lives – the issues that concern them the most and the causes they believe in. By remembering United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in your Will or Insurance Policy, you are helping ensure that people affected by wars, conflicts and natural disasters in the future will receive vital support in their time of need.

Beyond your lifetime, you will be providing relief, protection and hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people for generations. You can also make a Memorial Gift to honor someone special in their name to extend the legacy. Whatever challenges refugee families may face, UNHCR will be there with your legacy gift. Thank you for considering leaving a legacy gift to UNHCR.



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UNHCR

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organisation dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

We lead international action to protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

We deliver life-saving assistance, help safeguard fundamental human rights, and develop solutions that ensure people have a safe place called home where they can build a better future. We also work to ensure that stateless people are granted a nationality.

We work in over 130 countries, using our expertise to protect and care for millions.

How Your Legacy Will Change Lives

Refugees should receive the protection they deserve today, tomorrow and in the future. With a gift in your Will, Insurance Policy or Memorial Gift, you can make sure there will always be refuge.

And it is those generous, compassionate people – people like you – who can also support the work we will inevitably still be called on to do many, many years from now. Because by including UNHCR in your Will, Insurance Policy or Memorial Gift, you can ensure that when the conflicts and upheavals of the future drive innocent men, women and children from their homes, UNHCR will be there to make sure they are met with the support until they can find a place to call home to build a better future.

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really can be their refuge



Providing Refuge

for Today

Responding With Life-saving Support

During times of crisis and displacement, your generosity funds the rapid deployment of emergency aid. **UNHCR Emergency Response Team is ready to deploy within 72 hours of an emergency declaration, leading the humanitarian response to global displacement.**

UNHCR collaborates with all parties involved to provide support in the early stages of unrest. By giving shelter, we're not just allowing them a place to sleep, we're offering security and protection that provides refugees with a sense of home. UNHCR works to identify and provide dedicated care to the most vulnerable refugees in need. **Close attention is taken for unaccompanied children, pregnant women and the elderly.**

Providing Refuge

for Tomorrow

Safeguarding Fundamental Human Rights

UNHCR seeks to **uphold the human rights of displaced people**, ensuring that refugees are provided with legal assistance, protected from sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and are not returned involuntarily to a country where they could face persecution.

In both emergency and protracted settings, UNHCR supports the construction of healthcare centres and hospitals, which provides necessary physical and psychological care for individuals and families.

UNHCR continues to work on malnutrition through enhanced prevention, detection and treatment, as well as providing vital water infrastructure that is crucial in disease prevention.





Providing Refuge

for The Future

Building Better Futures

UNHCR is committed to improving the lives of all refugees and displaced people in protracted settings through **education and livelihoods programs**. When you support UNHCR, **you're giving a gift that will help them develop the skills they need to achieve self-reliance**, as well as supporting their opportunity to work and earn a living.

Education is vital in any child's life, creating stability and safety during times of displacement. With your help, refugee children and youth have access to quality education, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to live productive and fulfilling lives.

Legacy

Charter

WE RECOGNISE the significance that your generosity will make to the lives of refugees when you leave a gift to UNHCR as part of your last Will, Insurance Policy or Memorial Gift.

WE UNDERSTAND that those dear to you need to come first. You can give your legacy gift to UNHCR once they have been taken care of and all your other wishes have been met.

WE KNOW that your privacy is valuable, and we respect and appreciate that your legacy gift is a very personal and important decision that you need to make in your own time.

WE VALUE your legacy gift. However large or small it may seem, it will make a difference to the lives of the vulnerable refugees.

IF YOU DECIDE to let us know that you've left a gift to us in your Will or Insurance Policy, the choice is yours about how we communicate with you about UNHCR's work.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that you have the right at any time to change your mind about leaving a gift to UNHCR in your Will or Insurance Policy.

YOUR GIFT will be used wisely and cost-effectively so that your legacy leaves a lasting impact on the lives of refugees and displaced people.

WE WILL THANK YOU and remember you for your continued support.



Legacy Gift to UNHCR

Step One

Decide on the beneficiary that you would like to recognize in your legacy gift. Once you have considered the needs of your loved ones, you may also wish to consider leaving a humanitarian legacy gift to UNHCR.

Step Two

Choose the type of legacy gift you would like to leave:

Gift-in-Will:

- A residuary gift: the remainder of your Estate once everything else is taken care of
- A percentage of your Estate: a specific proportion of your Estate's value
- A pecuniary gift: a specific sum of money

Insurance Policy Giving:

Naming the family, friends and/or UNHCR as the beneficiary of your insurance policies, either wholly or partially of the sum insured to support the work of UNHCR.

Step Three

Gift-in-Will:

- **Visit Forevergift (<https://www.forevergift.hk/unhcr-eng>) to create a Will for FREE** (all Wills are prepared in Chinese, if you need a Will in English, please feel free to call or WhatsApp Forevergift at 5468 3635 for more details.)
- Visit a lawyer to have your Will written or updated with a codicil

Insurance Policy Giving:

- Contact your insurance intermediaries for further steps.

Information for policy giving registration:

Name of Beneficiary: **THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**

Address: **1/F, Eaton House, 380 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong**

Tax exemption file number: **91/6713**

Step Four

Please consider contacting us if you have made the decision to leave a gift to UNHCR in your Will or Insurance Policy so we can ensure that your gift is used according to your wishes. Notifying us of your plans will enable us to plan for the use of your future gift.



Honor Someone Special With a

Gift in Their Name

Establishing a memorial gift is a meaningful way to honor the legacy of your loved ones. The donation is not only your lasting tribute for them, but also a meaningful way to enable the refugees to survive, recover and build better futures.

Contact us by filling the form at the end of the brochure or scanning the QR codes for additional information on creating a Memorial Gift at UNHCR.



Legacy Gift in Will



Contact us

Frequently Asked

Questions

Why should I make a Will?

- Making a Will is the only way you can be sure your wishes will be met after you pass away. Dying without a Will – ‘intestate’ – can cause unnecessary distress to family and friends. You can leave assets to beneficiaries who are not related to him/her, e.g. friends and charities.

Can including UNHCR in my Will reduce inheritance tax?

- In Hong Kong, Estate Duty was abolished on 11st February, 2006. People surviving that date do not have to worry about this.

Can I write my own Will?

- Yes, but any errors in Wills can cause problems and make it invalid. That is why we strongly recommend that you use a qualified solicitor.

What if I already have a Will?

- You can amend an existing Will to include UNHCR very simply by asking a solicitor to draw up a ‘codicil’.

What essential information will I need to give my solicitor?

- You will need to give your solicitor our name (THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES), our registered charity number (91/6713) and our address (1/F, Eaton House, 380 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong). You should also advise whether you would like to leave a specific, pecuniary, residuary or contingent gift.

Should I tell UNHCR I've included you in my Will or Insurance Policy?

- Your Will and Insurance Policy are very personal documents and you are under no obligation to let us know if you have included a gift to us. However, it is enormously helpful if we do know your intentions. That way we can make sure that your gift is used according to your wishes. Notifying us of your plans will enable us to plan for the use of your future gift. We will only send you information that is helpful and relevant to your circumstances and invite you to appropriate events. We'd also like the chance to say ‘Thank you’!

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We are here to

Help

If we know a little bit more about your thoughts on Legacy Gift, it can help us to give you the right support and plan ahead for the best use of your Legacy Gift.

Please note that this information is for UNHCR's records only. It will not be used for any other purpose and does not impose any legal obligations on you.

Please tick the appropriate box:

Gift-in-Will

- I have already included a gift to UNHCR in my Will.
- I am intending to include a gift to UNHCR in my Will.
- I am considering a gift to UNHCR in my Will.
- I am not sure if I will include a gift to UNHCR in my Will.

Insurance policy Giving

- I have already included a gift to UNHCR in my Insurance Policy.
- I am intending to include a gift to UNHCR in my Insurance Policy.
- I am considering a gift to UNHCR in my Insurance Policy.
- I am not sure if I will include a gift to UNHCR in my Insurance Policy.

Memorial Gift to extend the legacy of my special someone

- I have decided to make a Memorial Gift to UNHCR.
- I am intending to make a Memorial Gift to UNHCR.
- I am considering a Memorial Gift to UNHCR.
- I am not sure if I will make a Memorial Gift to UNHCR.

- I am interested in receiving more information about leaving a Legacy Gift to UNHCR.

Details

Mr/Ms/Miss Name: _____ Date of Birth (dd/ mm/ yy): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

My preferred method(s) of contact is/are:

- Mail Phone Email

Please complete and return this Form to <1/F, Eaton House, 380 Nathan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong> or by email <hkpartnerships@unhcr.org>.





CONTACT

If you would like to discuss your wishes or have any further questions, please contact us by phone or email.

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