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LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO OXFAM

Yvette, 45, and her daughter – Malekula, Vanuatu Photo: Artur Francisco/Oxfam



TOGETHER WE CAN **CHANGE THE FUTURE**



Rachael Le Mesurier Oxfam New Zealand Executive Director

"It is through the thoughtful generosity of our donors that so many communities are able to lift themselves out of poverty and transform their lives.

Together, we can offer hope and action in an ever-changing world. When I think of my family, and our communities, I want to ensure they face a healthy, just and bright future. Leaving a bequest in my Will helps me feel assured that Oxfam will be standing up for justice – for the people and our planet – for generations to come.

We will continue our work, with your help. By leaving a gift in your Will, you are joining an amazing movement of inspiring and determined people, who are doing all we can to build a better and fairer world for all of our tamariki/children and mokopuna/ grandchildren to raise their families in.

Your gift is creating new hope – we thank you for sharing in this journey."

A gift in your Will... BRINGS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Primary students – Eastern Highlands Province, Panua New Guinea Photo: Belinda Bradley/Oxfam

OUR STORY

Oxfam's work first started during World War II in the UK, when a small group of passionate people in Oxford banded together to send food and advocate for starving families, stuck behind military blockades in Europe. Since then, Oxfam has grown into a global community of multiple affiliates working to create a better future in over 90 countries all around the world.

In 1991, right here in Aotearoa, a small group of dedicated Kiwis set up Oxfam New Zealand. In just a few months they raised more than \$25,000 (or just over \$40,000 in today's money), for people in the Horn of Africa affected by drought and war. We have come a long way since then, and our focus is now primarily on the Pacific and Southeast Asia – tackling poverty and inequality though our aid, community development and campaigning work.

A gift in your Will... STRENGTHENS OUR VISION

Sabina Foni and Mateus Elo – Oecusse Timor-Lest Photo: Kate Bensen/Oxfam

WORKING WITH YOU **TO CREATE CHANGE**

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

Our interconnected ways of working create holistic change, from the grass roots through to global systems.



Emergency preparedness and relief

Our emergency relief fund enables us to adequately respond to increasingly extreme natural disasters and to support victims of armed conflict.

Removing barriers to escaping poverty

Our long-term livelihood projects help to address root causes and break the vicious cycles of poverty.

Challenging unjust systems

Our advocacy and campaigns strive to challenge and change the systems that drive injustice and poverty, such as climate breakdown, gender inequality and unfair economies.

TE PAE TAWHITI OUR VISION

Oxfam's vision is for a just, inclusive and sustainable world for everyone, now and for future generations.

KAUPAPA OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

We believe that the guiding principles of how we behave matter. Our kaupapa is grounded in our values of tika/justice, māia/courage and manaaki/ connectedness. These ensure we honour the dignity and safety of all with whom we work.

WHĀINGA OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to help people challenge the impacts of poverty and injustice that are made worse by climate breakdown, gender inequality and unfair economies. We are part of a global movement for change, working together to hold the powerful accountable and create solutions for a better world.



Photo: Artur Francisco/Oxfam

Photo: Vernon Rive/Oxfam

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 Nick, Renay and Diana.

NICK POTTER AND RENAY DUNCALFE, WELLINGTON

Driven by their strong values, Nick and Renay have been supporting Oxfam New Zealand since the early 2000s.

"We decided to support Oxfam because of the focus on the Pacific region...and because it campaigns to address the root causes of poverty (not just the symptoms). It's guided by good values, it delivers a high proportion of fundraising to humanitarian relief, and it's a secular organisation working directly with communities.

"Travelling through places such as India and Nepal gave us a strong impression of how fortunate we are living in Aotearoa New Zealand. There is real poverty in our country too - but seeing the poverty that many people experience in the world, often with no safety nets in the form of government assistance, is a real heartopener.

"We both want to give more than we take and leave the world in better shape through our presence and actions.

"We want any material wealth that we leave behind to be put to good use. We focused on charities that contribute to areas that we particularly care about: eradicating poverty, gender equity, caring for victims of violence, and environmental regeneration... All of that's going to require compassionate action, generosity, and patient persistence."



DIANA RUTHERFORD, AUCKLAND

As a devoted mother and grandma, and a retired primary and special-education teacher, 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'm certainly no goody two shoes but I do believe that in this life, you get back what you put in. We need to keep up the hope and faith in humanity. When I see things that are unfair, I have to do something about it. You have to get involved and make change. I really believe my life is enriched by what I give and what I do.

"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. I've supported Oxfam in many different ways over the years. I currently volunteer at the Auckland office; I've made financial donations, bought Oxfam Unwrapped gifts and campaigned for action on climate change.



"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."

For more supporter stories, head to: www.oxfam.org.nz/get-involved/wills-legacies

MAKE A WILL. LEAVE A GIFT. START A LEGACY

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 choose 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 might also consider leaving something for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

And it doesn't take long to change the world – a simple Will can take as little as an hour to write.

We suggest that you speak to a solicitor to make sure that your wishes can be carried out in the way you would like. And 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 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. (This is 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 feel free to take this with you when you visit 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". If you wish, please take a copy of our wording with you next time you see your solicitor and they can simply update your existing Will for you.

"I give, free of all duties and taxes * ______ to Oxfam New Zealand (Charity Registration no. CC24641) 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.

OUR PROMISE TO 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. You can read our annual Impact Reports on our website.
- 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 oxfam@oxfam.org.nz

A gift in your Will... PROVIDES **SECURITY** AND SAFETY

Merewai Leibue, 27, and her son Jone, 2 – Narikoso, Fiji Photo: Alicja Grocz/Oxfam

YOU CAN TRANSFORM LIVES

With new skills, tools, crops and livestock as well as access to local markets, Liliany and her family now have a brighter future ahead.

Liliany Buktan, 36 – Malekula, Vanuatu Photo: Artur Francisco/Oxfam

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Extreme weather events pose relentless challenges for Liliany and her family. After a tropical cyclone decimated her poultry flock and destroyed the coop, she lost her main source of income. Extended dry seasons are also making the soil so hot and dry that it kills all but the hardiest plants.

"The cyclone was very strong. Me and my kids were inside the house and the kids were crying. The wind blew off the thatch roof and everything inside the house was wet so we had to move and live with some families. [The cyclone] destroyed the crops. I used to have chickens but not anymore."

As the climate continues to change, communities in the Pacific are being forced to adapt to harsh conditions faster than ever before. By joining Oxfam's local partner, Farm Support Association (FSA), Liliany has been able to learn new innovative farming techniques, grow more resilient crops, cope better with dry seasons and establish a more secure income for her and her family. "I was one of the first members of FSA here. [In the past] we didn't go to the markets often but when FSA came and told us about the programme, ...we started planting vegetables we could harvest every day, and started going to the market every day.

"Now we're seeing that we make more money than before. With the money I earn, I use most of it for school fees and food at home."

Your gift could be life-changing for families like Liliany's. It can help them to be resilient, to be strong and to have the secure income they need to provide for themselves and their children. Your gift helps communities to break the cycle of poverty and create lasting change.

A gift in your Will... PROTECTS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

Nur*, 35 – Cox's Bazaar Refugee Camp, Bangladesh Photo: Julian Braatvedt/Oxfam

GIVING A PLATFORM TO **VULNERABLE WOMEN**

Millions of Rohingya refugees like Nur* have been forced to flee their homeland to escape unimaginable atrocities and seek refuge in neighbouring Bangladesh. They then face further risks, living in makeshift homes in crowded camps, where monsoon rains cause floods and outbreaks of deadly diseases every year.

When disaster strikes, Oxfam provides lifesaving support and essentials like water, food and healthcare. We then stay and continue to work with affected communities for as long as it takes.

Within the camps, women and children are exposed to violence, exploitation and abuse.

Oxfam supports women's voices to be heard and works to promote the rights of the most vulnerable. We work alongside local leaders and community members to increase women's access to services, and strengthen their ability to raise their voices and concerns. We support networks of women's groups, to discuss challenges and negative gender dynamics, identify solutions, and encourage women's participation in community life and decisionmaking.

By choosing to remember Oxfam in your Will you will help women to protect themselves and their children, by challenging gender injustice and promoting transformative change.

*Name has been changed to protect identity.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES **AND BRIGHT FUTURES**

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 simply to stay alive. But poverty is not inevitable. It's not fair and it can be ended.

Since working with Oxfam's local partner in Vanuatu, Farm Support Association, Makin and other women in her community have been able to learn innovative farming techniques and utilise the best tools and advice.

Through proceeds from the women's work, they have been able to install water tanks for the first time in their community's history.

This allows them to yield more crops and harvest them during the off-season. They are also able

to share knowledge with other members and gain access to local markets.

Yvette (pictured on the front cover) and Makin have seen a difference in their family's quality of life. Their income is higher and more consistent, they have the ability to pay for their children to go to school, and they are able to save money for the future.

Your support is creating positive change all around the world, and the impact of this change will ripple forward for future generations to enjoy.

As the humanitarian and environmental climate continues to change, we will continue to adapt, and co-create a fairer, safer and more just world for all.

A gift in your Will... EMPOWERS FUTURE GENERATIONS

"I would like to say thank you to Oxfam for the partnership that it has with FSA, for supporting us... At the moment, my granddaughter is small but when she attends school, I can support her with paying her fees. I can support her by saving money for her future."

Makin Lingi, 43 – Malekula, Vanuatu <mark>Photo: Artur Franc</mark>isco/Oxfam Supervision and

Sailisia, 5 – Nayavutoka, Fiji Photo: Alicja Grocz/O<u>xfam</u>

THANK YOU

for being part of our journey for positive change.

No matter how big or small, with a gift in your Will to Oxfam, you can help to make this world a better place. This special kind of support allows us to achieve so much more and we are extremely grateful to all who choose to make a commitment to support future generations.

MY GIFT TO THE WORLD MY LEGACY

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