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# **A world without hunger**

How a gift in your Will  
can end hunger, for good.





Elisabeth and her son, Odelie Joyeuse, were supported by a Care Group Volunteer, trained by Concern. Photo: Chris de Bode, Burundi, 2017.

## Your legacy can end hunger

**Ending hunger is an ambitious goal, but if there's ever a time to be ambitious, it's today – when you're deciding what your legacy will be.**

Poverty, conflict and natural disasters can all lead to life-threatening hunger and malnutrition. But, even in these desperate situations, gifts left to Concern have allowed us to make a vital difference in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

In this booklet, you'll see how a gift in your Will can end hunger in times of poverty, conflict and natural disaster, and how your legacy will make a lasting impact, long into the future.

You'll also hear from Colm and Fiona, who have chosen to remember Concern in their Wills – we hope their words will inspire you to make the same special commitment to a future without hunger.

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Call Siobhán O'Connor on 01 417 8020 or email [siobhan.oconnor@concern.net](mailto:siobhan.oconnor@concern.net). We'll keep your call or email completely confidential.**

## A message from Dominic

Dear Friend,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for showing an interest in leaving a gift to Concern.

Since our earliest days, gifts in Wills have led the fight against hunger. They've helped launch international aid missions. They've saved lives in remote communities. And they've changed our world for the better.

Your gift could do the same. In fact, it could do even more – it could help end hunger.

That's a big claim to make, I know, but I've seen first-hand the transformational difference gifts in Wills can make.

In Cambodia, for example, these gifts allowed us to provide life-saving emergency response in a country devastated by civil war. This support developed into local partnerships, farming programmes and innovative loan schemes, as communities became more resilient. We left Cambodia after 23 years with a healthy, sustainable future, thanks to gifts from supporters like you.

By including Concern in your Will, you'll be making a commitment to a future without hunger. It's a gift that will provide life-saving, life-changing support for some of the world's most vulnerable people. And for that, I can't thank you enough.

With kind regards,

Dominic MacSorley  
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. If you are considering leaving a gift to Concern in your Will, or have any further questions you'd like answered, then please don't hesitate to call our Legacies Manager, Siobhán O'Connor, on 01 417 8020 or email her at [siobhan.oconnor@concern.net](mailto:siobhan.oconnor@concern.net)



CEO Dominic MacSorley first began working at Concern as a volunteer, more than 35 years ago.

Kevin Percival, 2017.

**“Since our earliest days, gifts in Wills have led the fight against hunger.”**





*Hani's family fled their home when extreme drought destroyed their crops and killed their cattle. All photos: Mohamed Abdiwahab, Somalia, 2018.*

## You can end hunger when natural disaster strikes

**Floods. Earthquakes. Droughts.** When natural disasters devastate livelihoods, a gift in your Will could protect children like Hani.

Hani was a happy, funny little three-year-old who loved nothing more than playing outside with the other children in her community. That was until extreme drought killed their cattle and destroyed their crops – forcing them to flee their home.

Exhausted from a long journey and weak with malnutrition, Hani and her family arrived in Somalia's capital city, Mogadishu, with only the clothes on their backs. It was here, on the outskirts of the city, that they found the help they so



*Hani and her mother now live in a makeshift shelter on the outskirts of Mogadishu.*



*Gifts in Wills are helping our teams end hunger in the face of natural disasters.*

desperately needed – at our nutrition centre. It was a safe haven for Hani's family. Our team diagnosed her malnutrition and fed her emergency food to build her strength and save her life.

Thanks to gifts in Wills, our nutrition centres can treat vulnerable children like Hani and prevent acute malnutrition taking more lives.

**This is the incredible difference you could make. Natural disasters are inevitable but, when they strike, you can help save lives.**



# You can end hunger when conflict threatens lives

Families fleeing from conflict face a desperate lack of food and fresh water. A gift in your Will could help keep children like Hala safe.

Two-year-old Hala and her family were amongst more than 700,000 Rohingya people who fled to Bangladesh, when violence broke out in Myanmar in August 2017.

Their journey took 15 days on foot and, with almost no food along the way, thousands of children arrived seriously malnourished. Hala weighed just 5.3kg – less than half of what a healthy child her age should weigh.

Thankfully, the generosity of Concern supporters meant we were there on the ground to mobilise emergency supplies



Both photos: Kieran McConville, Bangladesh, 2017.

*Little Hala's family fled across borders in search of safety and food.*

like food and fresh drinking water to ensure children like Hala were safe and healthy.

No two conflicts are the same, but they always have the greatest impact on the poorest communities. In fact, 60% of the world's hungry people live in conflict zones.

**It's in situations like this that a gift in your Will could save lives. When conflict pushes families to their limits, you can stand with them.**



*Gifts in Wills helped us support thousands of Rohingya refugees.*



*Concern supporters helped pay for life-saving supplies for Baby Laila (nine months) and her mother Noor (30), who endured a dangerous journey by boat to escape the conflict in Myanmar. Photo: Paddy Dowling/DEC, Bangladesh, 2018.*



# You can end hunger with seeds, tools and skills

Many families lack access to healthy crops. But your gift could help mothers like Elisabeth plant nutrient-rich kitchen gardens.

Elisabeth Ntakarutimana lives with her husband and their six children in central Burundi. She used to struggle to provide one meal a day for her family, and could rarely afford the fresh vegetables that are vital for their healthy development.

Now, thanks to generous supporters who have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to Concern, Elisabeth has received the tools and training she needs to cultivate a kitchen garden – along with seeds and compost to grow a rich, diverse range of crops.



*Elisabeth Ntakarutimana tends to one of her three flourishing kitchen gardens.*

Elisabeth now prepares well-balanced meals for her children from her garden of sweet potatoes, beans, rice, maize, cassavas, tomatoes and aubergines.

**'The gardens just keep on giving... My children eat three times a day – they are fit and strong because they eat healthily.'**

*Elisabeth Ntakarutimana, central Burundi*

**Around the world, families are having their lives transformed by gifts in Wills. Will you leave a gift to Concern and help end hunger?**



*Elisabeth's family have been supported to grow a rich, diverse variety of crops on their land.*

*Elisabeth's 12-year-old son, Egide Kitihebuwayo, helps at one of his family's kitchen gardens, all built thanks to support from Concern. All photos: Darren Vaughan, Burundi, 2017.*



## A few words from our supporters

There are so many wonderful reasons that people choose to leave a gift in their Will to Concern – these are just a few of them.

**“I am proud to know that even when I am gone, by including Concern in my Will, my support will continue to help save lives.”**

**Colm O’Byrne, Co. Galway**

Colm saw Concern’s impact first-hand when he worked for RTE and covered events in Africa. Like many of our supporters, he was so moved by what he witnessed that he wanted to make a powerful, lasting commitment to help transform lives around the world.

Kieran McConville, Somalia, 2017.



Yasmiin, five, needed 12 weeks of emergency food to recover from malnutrition after her family fled conflict in Somalia. Gifts in Wills are vital to protecting children and ending their hunger.

**“I have two children and if they were in need, I would hope that somebody, somewhere would reach out to help them. With my legacy, I will be that person for somebody’s loved ones – you could be too.”**

**Fiona, Co. Louth**

We’ve heard from parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts who, just like Fiona, have chosen to leave a gift to Concern because the children in their lives are so important to them. Will you promise a gift in your Will to give families around the world a chance to build a healthy future for their children?

**Supporters like Fiona and Colm have done something truly amazing by promising to leave gifts to Concern, and their kindness will never be forgotten. Today, you could join them and take the first step towards leaving a gift in your Will.**

## Frequently asked questions

Organising your Will can seem confusing at first, but once you get started it’s easier than you think. Here are some frequent questions, answered by our Legacies Manager, Siobhán O’Connor.



**Q: Are there tax benefits?**

Everything you leave to family or friends above the tax threshold incurs an inheritance tax of 40%. The good news is that if you leave a legacy to a charity, your gift will be tax-free.

**Q: What type of gifts can I leave?**

There are three main types – residuary, pecuniary and specific. A residuary gift is a share of your estate once your loved ones are taken care of. A pecuniary gift is a specific amount of money. A specific gift is an item, such as jewellery or even a property.

**Q: Where do I start?**

It starts with a conversation with your solicitor or Will-writer – just take along this brochure, which includes our charity numbers and relevant contact details. And don’t forget to let us know your intentions by calling Siobhán on **01 417 8020** or emailing **siobhan.oconnor@concern.net**

**Q: Can a small amount make a difference?**

**A:** We understand that your family and friends are your first priority, so any size gift you choose to leave us, no matter how big or small, is hugely appreciated and spent in a way that will make the biggest difference.

**Q: Is it expensive to make a Will?**

It’s best to have a solicitor or Will-writer make or amend your Will, and their fee for doing so will usually be quite reasonable. There’s no harm in asking for a quote or asking friends and family for recommendations.





*Two-year-old Nambana Estella was treated for malnutrition at the Concern-supported health centre in Boyali, Central African Republic. Kieran McConville, Central African Republic, 2017.*

## What do to next...

Please let us know your intentions – it helps us plan for the future so that, together, we can ensure your gifts will help end hunger for good in the world's most vulnerable communities.

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### Our promise to you

We promise that your legacy is in safe hands. When you choose to leave a gift to Concern in your Will, we will ensure that it has a lasting, life-changing impact on the most vulnerable children and families – **and will help to end hunger, for good.**

2.0% Education and advocacy

### How we spend your donations\*

90.8% Relief and development

6.7% Raising more money  
to expand our work

0.5% Governance

*\* Figures correct for 2017*

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*Photo on cover: Scholastica and her daughter, Francisca. Peter Caton, Kenya, 2017.*