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A world without hunger

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



*Elisabeth, pictured here with her son Odellie Joyeuse, was trained by Concern to construct and maintain her own home gardens.
Photo: Chris de Bode/Panos Pictures for Concern Worldwide, Burundi, 2017.*

Your legacy can help end hunger, for good.

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 help to end hunger and 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 our Legacy Manager, Siobhán O'Connor, on 01 417 8020 or email siobhan.oconnor@concern.net. Calls and emails will be kept confidential.**

A message from Dominic

Dear Friend,

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

For over 50 years, the generosity of the Irish public has been the lifeblood of Concern, enabling us to save and transform lives in many of the poorest, most vulnerable communities around the world. It has allowed us to launch emergency response teams when they are needed most, provide people with essential supplies when they are fleeing war or disaster, and help people to transform their lives and lift themselves out of poverty. Most significantly, it has allowed us to greatly reduce hunger and starvation for millions of people.



Photo: Kevin Perceval/Concern Worldwide, 2017.

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

Your gift could do the same. In fact, it could do even more – it can help end hunger in some of the world's poorest communities. I know because, in my 35 years at Concern, I have seen the unbelievable difference that timely, generous donations can make.

In countries such as Kenya, Malawi and Ethiopia, where Concern has worked for many years, the support we have received from donors at home in Ireland has enabled us to achieve a phenomenal impact on the lives of the poorest people. It has allowed us to improve access to health and nutrition services for mothers and their children, and work with smallholder farmers to increase their productivity through climate-smart agriculture, enabling them to feed and educate their children and ultimately lift themselves out of extreme poverty, meaning they no longer require our support.

Our ambition is to radically reduce hunger where it is most extreme, in the poorest countries where mothers struggle every day to feed their children. We will be there, as we have been, and we will stay until we are no longer needed.

By remembering Concern in your Will, you are making a commitment to a future without poverty or hunger for children around the world. For that, I cannot thank you enough.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dom', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dominic MacSorley
Chief Executive Officer



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

**Names have been changed for security reasons.*

You can help 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 community's cattle and destroyed their crops – forcing them to flee their home.

Hani and her family settled in a camp for displaced people on the outskirts of Mogadishu. Her mother, Faduma* was the sole breadwinner for Hani and her four siblings.

Unfortunately they did not have enough food, and gradually Hani began to change. She started to cry more often and lost her appetite.



Hani and her mother Faduma outside a makeshift shelter on the outskirts of Mogadishu.

Hani was visited by a Concern Community Health Worker and was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition. She was immediately treated with emergency therapeutic food to rebuild her strength and save her life.

Thanks to gifts in Wills, we can treat more vulnerable children like Hani and prevent severe acute malnutrition from taking their lives.

This is the incredible difference you could make. Natural disasters are inevitable but, when they strike, a gift in your Will can help save lives.



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

You can help end hunger when conflict threatens lives

Families fleeing from conflict face a desperate lack of food. 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 provide emergency food to



Both photos: Kieran McConville/Concern Worldwide, Bangladesh, 2017.

Little Hala and her mother Layru at Concern's Nutrition Support Centre in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

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 these 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 like Layru and Hala.



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 for Concern Worldwide, Bangladesh, 2018.*

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Elisabeth's 12-year-old son, Egide Ntihebuwayo, helps at one of his family's home gardens, all built thanks to support from Concern.
All photos: Chris de Bode/Panos Pictures for Concern Worldwide, Burundi, 2017.

You can help 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 home 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 Concern supporters like you, Elisabeth has received the tools and training she needs to cultivate a home garden – along with seeds and compost to grow a rich, diverse range of crops.



Elisabeth Ntakarutimana tends to one of her three flourishing home 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.



Elisabeth with her husband, Alphonse Nahimana and four of their children, Egide, Alida Chanelle, Joella Ines, and Odelie Joyeuse. The family cultivate a rich and diverse variety of crops on their land.

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

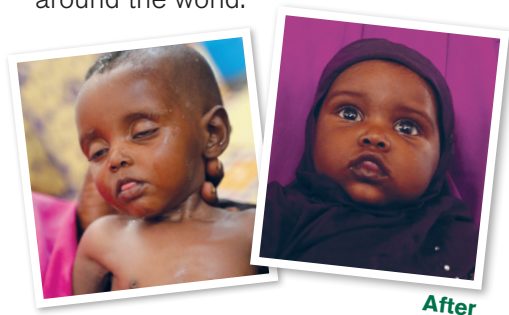
A few words from our supporters

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 wants to make a powerful, lasting commitment to help transform lives around the world.



Before

After

Nine-month-old Nala was dangerously malnourished and fighting for her life each day – until Concern provided emergency therapeutic food. Gifts in Wills are vital to protecting children and ending their hunger.*

Before photo: Jennifer Nolan/Concern Worldwide, Somalia, 2018. After photo: Mohamed Abdiwahab/Concern Worldwide, Somalia, 2018.

“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 in their Wills, and their kindness will never be forgotten. Today, you could join them and take the first step towards leaving a gift in your Will.

*Name has been changed for security reasons.

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 Legacy Manager, Siobhán O'Connor.



*Introducing our Legacy Manager,
Siobhán O'Connor.*

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 will make a difference to help lift people out of extreme poverty.

Q: Is it expensive to make a Will?

A: 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.

Q: Are there tax benefits?

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: It starts with a conversation with your solicitor or Will-writer – just take along this brochure, which includes our charity number and relevant contact details. And don't forget, if you have any questions at all, or would like to meet in person to talk, please call me on

01 417 8020 or email **siobhan.oconnor@concern.net**.



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

What to do 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.

Please call Siobhán O'Connor on **01 417 8020**, email siobhan.oconnor@concern.net, visit concern.net/legacy or write to us below.

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.

How we spend your donations*



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