

BE PART OF A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER

Leave a gift
in your Will

CONCERN
worldwide



A gift in your Will is an act of kindness that has the power to help end hunger and extreme poverty for generations to come.

Facing extreme weather caused by climate change, Esime in Malawi (pictured here and overleaf with her neighbour, Esnart) felt powerless to support her family. Extended droughts had weakened the soil, diminishing what she could harvest from her maize crops, leaving her with little food or income.

Thanks to people like you who choose to leave a gift in their Will, Esime took part in a Concern training programme and now she's able to grow crops which can withstand severe drought. She's gone from filling only one bag of maize per harvest, to eight! Today, with enough food to both eat and sell, her family's lives have transformed. Now, her children go to school with bellies full of food and bags full of books week in, week out.



Photo: Kieran McConville / Concern Worldwide

“The training has made a big difference for my family.”

Esime and her husband Oofa now have enough food for their family, thanks to climate-smart agricultural training provided by kind people like you.

Thank you for your compassion

It can touch and transform lives long into the future.

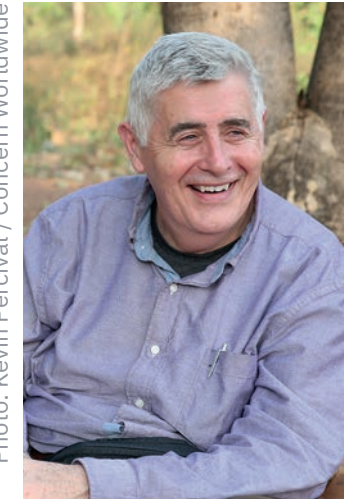


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I'm so grateful that you have chosen to find out more about leaving a gift to Concern in your Will. It's a testament to your kindness and compassion that you are thinking of the world's most vulnerable people right now.

I know that this is a very personal decision. But I can assure you, in the three decades I've worked at Concern, gifts in Wills have had a phenomenal impact in reducing extreme poverty, hunger and suffering around the world.

Any gift you may choose to leave helps us stay working where poverty is most extreme, until the day that we are no longer needed – until the day no mother or father struggles to feed their child, when hunger is gone for good.

In these pages you'll learn more about our approach and how you can help us fight poverty and end the scourge of hunger in some of the world's poorest communities. And now is the perfect time to consider being part of this work, as you decide what you want your lasting legacy to be.

Dominic MacSorley, Chief Executive Officer

Dominic worked with Concern in over 20 countries before becoming our CEO.

Sow a thousand seeds of change

To end hunger, we must end extreme poverty – our work gets to the root of it.

A gift in your Will could help set up and support local vegetable gardens, so whole communities can survive hunger and poverty for generations.

In some of the world's poorest countries, rising temperatures and scarce rainfall caused by climate change have made harvests less frequent and less plentiful.

This can leave a gap of up to six months between harvests – when food is sparse, children go hungry, and families who rely on crops for income are thrown into extreme poverty.

Chawada Aboubacar is a mother to five children living in the Tahoua region in Niger. Chawada grows millet with her husband on a small patch of land. During the annual 'hunger gap', their millet supply is so short that they are forced to heavily ration meals, and their children must go to bed hungry.

But with climate-smart agricultural training, gardening tools and drought-resistant seeds provided by Concern, Chawada is growing nutritious vegetables along with other women from her village. This gives them cabbages, carrots, onions and more to feed their

children, saving them from hunger during the lean season.

As one of the poorest countries in the world, malnutrition is widespread in Niger. That's why Concern's work focuses on the root causes of hunger – to make sustainable, life-changing interventions.

Gifts in Wills are vital for supporting long-term projects that will help end hunger in Niger and other countries where extreme poverty and climate change have made food dangerously scarce. These very special gifts allow families a chance to grow their own

vegetables to eat, generate an income from surplus produce, and lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

"I can see that when the vegetables in the garden are ready, it will help me and my family. It makes me happy," Chawada told us.

A gift in your Will could help fill the gap between harvests for more communities and families like Chawada's.

A gift in your Will to Concern can help grow a future free from hunger.



Photo: Apsatou Bagaya / Concern Worldwide

"We hope our children will be able to get rid of poverty from our village."

Chawada's children used to go to bed hungry during the long gap between harvests, but now she can feed them a nutritious diet from the vegetable garden she has grown, all thanks to our kind supporters who leave a gift in their Will.



*“Without Concern,
my child would
have died. Concern
saved my child.”*

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Nyarok, with her daughter Axlam, who received life-saving emergency food at one of our vital nutrition centres.

Be there in times of conflict

When war leaves children close to starvation, our feeding programmes are true lifelines.

Conflict can cause huge disruption to food supplies, whether it's through the displacement of thousands of people or a breakdown in the economy.

Like many mothers, Nyarok Majok typically begins her day by getting breakfast for her children. *“But often we don't have enough food, so we just have tea,”* she explains. In fact, her family barely manages to eat just one meal a day.

Here in South Sudan, years of armed conflict have driven millions of innocent people away from their homes and livelihoods

to live in refugee camps. With almost no way of making themselves an income, they struggle to buy food, which is already in short supply because the fighting has devastated trade, markets, and agriculture too.

Even now, with the fighting over, there are still upsurges of conflict, and widespread hunger remains. Most families don't have enough to eat. And millions of children are suffering from malnutrition in their most vulnerable and formative years.

That's why, for children like Axlam, Nyarok's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Concern's

supplementary feeding programmes have become a lifeline.

“Before I took Axlam to Concern she was very sick,” Nyarok says. *“She was very malnourished. I had no money to help her.”*

Thankfully, the staff at our local centre were able to give Nyarok vital food supplies of a life-saving nutrient-packed soy blend. Nyarok was taught how to prepare it so she could continue to independently feed her daughter and nurse her back to health.

“Now my child is better,” says

Nyarok. *“Before, she just cried. Now she plays with the others.”*

Of the 820 million hungry people in the world, 60% live in countries affected by war. Gifts in Wills are crucial for supporting feeding programmes in countries like these. You can make your legacy one of protection for vulnerable children caught in conflict.

When conflict strikes, and families are left starving, a gift in your Will could stop hunger from taking lives.

Names have been changed to protect identities.

Protect families from the deadly effects of climate change

When climate change steals a family's independence, we can be the support that helps them survive.

With future generations inheriting the deadly effects of climate change, their communities could be at risk of losing their livelihoods to extreme weather. But with a gift to Concern in your Will, your lasting memory could be one of support and protection against the challenges they will face.

Extreme weather caused by climate change can diminish the fertility of land, and with little vegetation to graze on, the local cattle starve. This leaves vulnerable families who rely on their animals for food and income without anything to eat or sell – as has happened to Atiir Katabo.

The wide, open spaces of Turkana, Kenya, are home to Atiir's family and her strong, pastoralist community. *"I remember when I was growing up, the land was plentiful,"* Atiir says, *"We used to drink milk, we used to eat meat. Life was so good."*

But now, due to floods, droughts, and crop-destroying locusts, life is full of pain and hunger. *"If there was grass around, the animals would eat, and we would get milk. My guests would get a cup of milk. But now, even my children don't have milk."*

Atiir and her children are closer

than most to the devastating effects of climate change. Here, droughts and floods are extreme, creating conditions that allow locusts to thrive. Despite Atiir's best efforts, her family was on the brink of starvation. Her youngest child, two-year-old Erupe, weighed the same as a three-month-old baby.

"I knew if I didn't get help, that my child would just die in my hands," said Atiir. Thankfully, Concern were able to send dedicated outreach staff to diagnose children in her community who were malnourished – and they got to Erupe in time to provide the life-saving emergency food she needed.

But a gift in your Will could go further than helping us provide children with emergency food. It could remove the need for emergency food in the first place.

We can't control the rain, but your legacy could help provide lasting, climate-smart interventions for pastoralist families like Atiir's, so they can stay strong and healthy for years to come.

A gift in your Will could help provide life-saving food and, in the future, lasting climate-smart solutions for the generations to come.



Photo: Gavin Douglas / Concern Worldwide

"The world is changing so fast. I am so grateful for the support."

Now that Atiir has lost her cattle, collecting firewood is her only means of supporting her seven children.



Nyamuoch, who's four, and Nyanyuon, aged four and a half, take shelter in a Concern-supported refugee camp, safe from the conflict that has devastated South Sudan.

An extraordinary feeling

Through Concern's work, the kindness you show in life can continue into the future.

Every year, our supporters leave legacies to Concern because they want to make lasting changes for some of the world's most vulnerable communities – and help to create a world without hunger and poverty.

You can be part of that world too. By leaving a gift to Concern in your Will, you'll share the extraordinary feeling of knowing that your lasting memory will be one of hope and support for future generations.

"If my two children 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

"I am proud to know that, even when I am gone, my support will continue to save lives."

Colm, Co. Galway

"Leaving a share of your estate in your Will to Concern can turn your money into life – and hope – for people with very few material goods."

Anonymous donor

"Moments of kindness shine in the darkness and give so much comfort – that's the final gift I intend to leave to the world."

James, Co. Wicklow

We're so grateful to our generous supporters and the protection their legacy will offer to the children and families of tomorrow.

Will you too transform lives by leaving a gift in your Will?



When Maceline fell ill with malaria, the closest health facility was an impossible three-hour walk away. Luckily, Concern's mobile health clinics provided her with life-saving treatment much closer to home.

How you can leave a gift to Concern in your Will

Help build a future without hunger in a way that suits you best.

Being part of a world without hunger is simple and flexible – here's our guide to leaving a gift to Concern in your Will:

- 1 It's a good idea to use a solicitor or Will-writer to make sure your wishes are carried out as you want them. If you don't have one already, you could find a solicitor through The Law Society's online directory or get recommendations from a friend.
- 2 We know it's important that you take care of your loved ones first, so any amount you choose to leave will be hugely appreciated.
- 3 Have a think about which kind of gift you would like to leave Concern:
 - A **residuary** gift – a share of what is left after your loved ones have been provided for
 - A **pecuniary** gift – a specific amount of money

- Or a **specific** gift – such as a piece of jewellery, or property

- 4 Once you've decided which gift you'd like to leave, make an appointment with your solicitor or Will-writer to prepare your Will. They will advise you of any tax implications, but unlike when you leave parts of your estate to friends and family, leaving a gift to Concern in your Will is completely tax free.
- 5 You may have already drawn up your Will. In that case, you can still add a gift to Concern using a **codicil** – a legal document that serves to amend your Will. Your solicitor or Will-writer can advise you on this.

If you would like to know more, please do get in touch with our Legacy Manager, **Siobhán O'Connor**. Phone: **01 417 8020**
Email: **siobhan.oconnor@concern.net**

For your solicitor or Will-writer

Everything they need to add Concern to your Will.

Should you make the incredible decision to leave a gift in your Will to Concern, a solicitor or Will-writer will be best placed to make or amend your Will and ensure that your desires are met. All the details they will need are below.

Charity name:
Concern Worldwide

Address:
**52-55 Lower Camden Street,
Dublin 2, Ireland D02 H425**

Registered Charity Number:
20009090

Registered Revenue Number:
CHY 5745



Aduklual cradles her seven-month-old baby, Elizabeth who received treatment at our nutrition centre in a refugee camp, safe from the conflict in South Sudan.

Names have been changed to protect the identity of our beneficiaries, but the stories are real.

Our promise to you

When you choose Concern,
your legacy is in safe hands.

We aim for the highest standards of effectiveness and transparency in all of our programmes, holding ourselves to internationally recognised standards.

Concern is fully certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability, which sets out nine commitments for humanitarian organisations to measure and improve the effectiveness of their programmes.

We follow the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, which maintains high standards among charities providing disaster relief.

We also received the Special Recognition Award at the Good Governance Awards which recognise adherence to good governance practice by charitable organisations in Ireland.



Displaced by war in South Sudan, these children now have a reason to smile as they get life-saving food and shelter at a Concern-supported refugee camp.

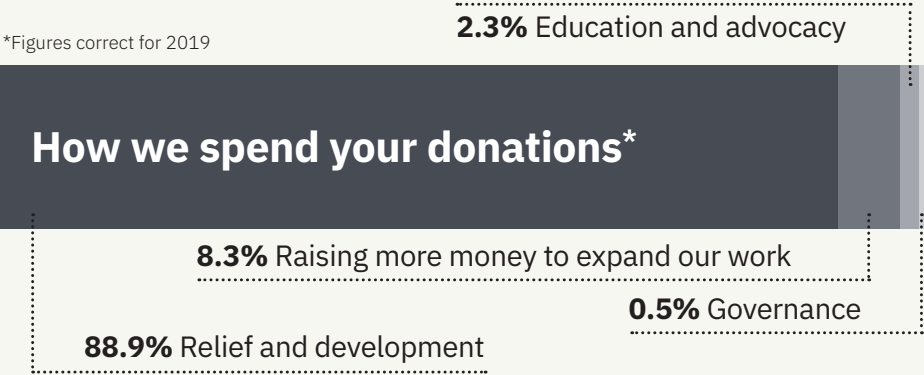
How we spend your donations

We make sure every bit of your donation is put to work.

We promise that your money will be spent in the most efficient and effective way possible – bringing lasting change to the world’s most vulnerable communities.

So, if you choose to leave a gift to Concern in your Will, you can do so knowing that we are determined to use it to help end hunger – for good, on your behalf.

You can see exactly how we prioritise the spending of your donations here:



A close-up photograph of a woman with a joyful expression, smiling broadly, holding a young child. The child is wrapped in a light-colored cloth with blue patterned borders. They are outdoors, with a large tree trunk and green foliage in the background.

ENDING EXTREME POVERTY WHATEVER IT TAKES

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/ Concern Worldwide

Photo on back: Abbie Trayler-
Smith / Concern Worldwide

Agel and her baby Kuek were struggling with malnutrition in South Sudan – but with help from supporters like you, Concern taught Agel how to grow a vegetable garden. Now Kuek and the younger generations that follow her will have the food they need to grow up strong and healthy.