

Help **Safeguard the Future** for Refugees

Extend your legacy with a gift in Will to UNHCR

Image: An Afghan student in primary grade poses for the camera at a girl's primary school in New Saranan refugee village, Balochistan, Pakistan.

Children, women, and men forced to flee their homes due to war, violence, conflict, or persecution, have made extraordinary efforts to survive. For as long as people are displaced, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, will continue to answer the call to support millions of refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people—today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

Leaving a gift in your Will ensures a meaningful legacy and hope for world's most vulnerable refugees.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

A charitable gift in your Will of any size, is a meaningful way to support UNHCR and live out your values by supporting refugees. A legacy gift is a direction in your Will to leave a sum of money or one or more of your assets to a charitable organization(s). Creating your Will can help ensure your loved ones are cared for, your estate is protected, and causes you care about like UNHCR, continue the vital work you are passionate about.

By remembering UNHCR in your Will, you can help ensure people have access to shelter, food, water, medical care, and other lifesaving assistance in an emergency, and also longer-term support to help rebuild their lives.

SAMPLE GIFT IN THE WILL CLAUSES

You can choose to leave UNHCR Canada a specific sum of money, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate.

Specific Amount: "I give to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees the sum of \$_____ to be used for its general purposes."

Percentage of Estate: "I give to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees _____ percent of the value of my estate to be used for its general purposes."

Residual Gift: "I give to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees _____ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes."

These are sample clauses only. Your lawyer, notary or estate planner should always review clauses and ensure they are appropriate to your wishes and comply with the laws in your province.

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Why choose a gift in your Will?

Image: A girl carries her little sister outside a school that has been turned into a collective shelter in Maysaloon district, Aleppo, Syria, where they are staying after the devastating earthquakes that struck south-eastern Türkiye and northern Syria on 6 February.

✓ SIMPLE:

A gift in your Will is easy to arrange. Instruct your lawyer to include a charitable donation to UNHCR Canada when allocating your estate assets.

✓ CONVENIENT:

A gift in your Will is a straightforward way to make a significant impact. Your current assets, cash flow and lifestyle will not be affected by your choice for the future.

✓ FLEXIBLE:

Your gift can be a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residue of your estate (a gift after your debts have been paid and other gifts made).

✓ TAX RELIEF:

A gift in your Will is a highly effective way to reduce taxes for your estate.

✓ TAX PLANNING:

UNHCR Canada issues a charitable tax receipt for the full value of your gift. This receipt reduces any tax payable on your final tax return. If your gift exceeds 100% of your net income, the excess may be carried back to the previous tax year or forward as part of a Graduated Rate Estate plan.

✓ PEACE OF MIND: You can make changes to your Will at any time.

If you wish to contact someone about a legacy gift to UNHCR or would like to connect for any other reason, please feel free to contact:

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