



**HEALTH  
POVERTY  
ACTION**

**FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
TOO OFTEN FORGOTTEN...**

**Stand with the most neglected  
communities by remembering  
Health Poverty Action in your Will**

**'HEALTH  
POVERTY  
ACTION IS  
ALWAYS  
THERE...  
THEY ARE A  
MOTOR TO  
KEEP THINGS  
RUNNING.'**

**Adela, a 67-year-old  
Traditional Birth Attendant  
from Totonicapán, Guatemala.**

In Guatemala, Health Poverty Action is working with Traditional Birth Attendants, local health centres and the Ministry of Health to train people like Adela. As a result, she is now able to spot previously undetected danger signs in pregnancy and to alert a local doctor when a problem arises.

**This is the kind of life-saving  
work you can continue to  
support by remembering  
Health Poverty Action in  
your Will.**



**Adela**

# MAKING OR AMENDING YOUR WILL IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD

## If you are making a Will for the first time

There are three main types of gift you should know about:

### **A share of what's left after all other gifts and expenses have been paid - called a 'residuary' gift**

You choose the share, e.g. 99% to friends and family, 1% to Health Poverty Action.

Residuary gifts are particularly reliable as they keep pace with inflation and don't lose their value over time.

### **A specific sum of money – called a 'pecuniary' gift**

Where you state the amount and it remains the same unless you choose to change it.

### **An item of value, such as jewellery or shares - called a 'specific' gift**

This is the gift of a specific item, e.g. personal possessions, land or shares, which we can sell to fund our work.

Your solicitor can tell you more about each option and help you decide which is best for you.



## If you already have a Will

You do not need to make a new Will; you simply need to complete a document called a **Codicil**, which formally notes any additions or changes. Again, your solicitor can help.

## If you don't yet have a solicitor

As well as taking time to reflect and to talk things through with your loved ones, we recommend that you also seek the services of a qualified solicitor.

If you don't yet have a solicitor, you can find a local one on the Law Society website:

**[solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk)**.

Many now offer fixed-fee services for straightforward Wills - and you can always ask for the costs upfront.

A solicitor can also advise you on **potential tax benefits**. For example, reducing the size of your Inheritance Tax bill when 10% or more of your estate is left to charity.



## Here's the wording you'll need if you decide to leave us a gift in your Will

### For a residuary gift

I give \_\_\_\_ per cent (\_\_\_\_%) of the residue of my real and personal estate to Health Limited of Suite 2, 23-24 Great James Street, London WC1N 3ES (registered charity no. 290535) for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Director or other proper officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift.

### For a pecuniary or specific gift

I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (or the item specified) to Health Limited of Suite 2, 23-24 Great James Street, London WC1N 3ES (registered charity no. 290535) for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Director or other proper officer of the said charity for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said gift.

**Please note, Health Limited is the registered trading name of Health Poverty Action. 100% of your gift will be used to support the charity's work.**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FORESIGHT

**'This is a powerful way to stand alongside communities and to support their daily struggle for health long into the future and we are forever grateful.'**

**Tadesse Kassaye**

**Head of Programmes  
Africa, Health Poverty Action**

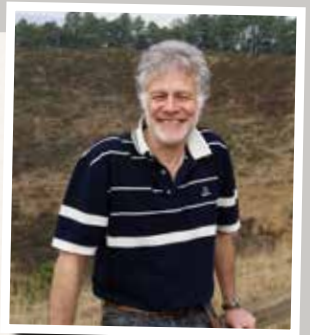


Your Will is a personal document and we respect that. If, however, you'd like to tell us you've left a gift we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please contact our Fundraising Team on 020 7840 3777 or via [fundraising@healthpovertyaction.org](mailto:fundraising@healthpovertyaction.org)

**We really appreciate your support and will strive to make every penny count.**

**Dear Friend,**

**Most of us would like to leave the world a fairer, healthier place than it was when we entered it. Leaving a gift in your Will is one way we can continue to do this beyond our own lives.**



In the UK, having a properly prepared Will is not only one of the best ways to ensure that your loved ones will be looked after in the way that you intend. It's also an act of kindness to those who are left behind and an opportunity to consider the causes you care about - and the kind of progress you would like to see in the world as part of your legacy.

**Naturally, we would be delighted if you chose to remember Health Poverty Action in your Will. Any gift - regardless of the size - will have a huge impact. And of course, it costs you nothing extra right now.**

At Health Poverty Action, we believe that health is a right, not a privilege.

Since 1984, we have worked alongside health workers, activists and communities worldwide to tackle injustices and other root causes of poor health. We now work with around 2 million people every year and gifts in Wills have played a crucial role in our ability to do this - and in our very survival.

A gift in your Will could help to make health clinics more accessible to indigenous people, to support community leaders in tackling violence and discrimination, to create livelihoods in remote and challenging places - and so much more. And it's these steps together, fuelled by the collective generosity of people from all walks of life, which create the conditions in which people can truly realise their right to health.

We believe that would be a wonderful legacy.

*Martin*

Martin Drewry, Director

**Inside this leaflet, you'll find essential information for making your first Will or amending an existing Will. We also let you know how to find a trusted solicitor if you need one.**

# GIFTS IN WILLS HELP KEEP PARENTS ALIVE, CHILDREN ALIVE, HOPE ALIVE



**'Had it not been for the ambulance service, I would have died at home... You saved my life and I will advocate to save other lives in my village.'**

**Amina** Mother, Ethiopia

**'My hope for the future is that my children will continue to have good health and have a greater life.'**

**Nasri** Mother, Somaliland



**'I have improved my abilities and self-confidence in several areas, especially regarding complicated deliveries - and saved lives of both mothers and their babies. My confidence has increased trust from the community and especially the women.'**

**Ahmed** Midwife, Kenya

**Thank you for considering this very special way of giving**

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