

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I know that a gift in my Will makes a difference?

In this booklet you can read about some of the people Ethiopaid has helped and the difference a gift in your Will could make. These are just a handful of the thousands of people who are now living healthier, happier lives thanks to Ethiopaid supporters. Your gift will empower future generations to change their lives for the better too.

Q. Can I be sure that Ethiopaid is here to stay?

When Sir Alec Reed set up Ethiopaid back in 1989 he was determined it would continue to serve the people of Ethiopia for many years to come. This remains our vision and our purpose.

Q. What kind of gift can I leave in my Will?

There are three main types of gift you can leave:

A residuary gift

This is a popular way to leave a gift to a charity because it is what is left over (the residue) of your estate once family and friends have been provided for and all liabilities paid. Residuary gifts are expressed as a percentage, so they are a good way of ensuring that a charity is not affected by inflation in the future and still receives the share of your estate you want it to.

A Pecuniary

This is a fixed sum of money. However, unless you review your Will regularly or your gift is inflation linked, it is likely to decrease in value over time.

A specific gift

This is a gift of a particular item or items such as jewellery, paintings, land, buildings or specified investments such as shares.

Q. Do I have enough money to leave a gift in my Will?

Any gift in your Will - large or small - is very precious to Ethiopaid. Remember, it won't cost you anything during your lifetime but it will make a very big difference to the people we help.

We understand that there is a limit to what people can give during their lifetime. However, many supporters feel that leaving a gift in their Will is their best way to make a more significant gift to a cause they care about, without affecting their day-to-day living.

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Q. Can I have a say in how my gift is used?

If you feel very strongly that you would like your gift to benefit a specific area of our work, then we will do our best to make this happen. However, we cannot always predict where the focus of our work will need to be in the future - but we hope that you can trust us to use it wisely where it is needed most.

Q. How much of my gift will be spent on administration?

In recent years for every £1 raised we spent less than 10p on overheads. That means more than 90p in every £1 went directly to our partners in Ethiopia. We operate with a small team and benefit from donated office space.

Q. Is a gift in my Will affected by Inheritance Tax?

No, gifts to charities in Wills are exempt from tax, but giving some of your money to charity could help you offset the Inheritance Tax burden on your estate. Your financial adviser can tell you more.

Q. When should I change or review my Will?

Once you have made your Will it's important that you keep it updated to reflect any changes in your life. The birth of a grandchild or the sale of a house could be good reasons to update your Will.

Reviewing your Will is also the perfect time to decide if you wish to leave a gift to Ethiopiaaid. We always recommend that you consult a legal professional if you intend changing or renewing your Will.

Q. Can I add Ethiopiaaid to an existing Will?

Changing an existing Will to include Ethiopiaaid is simple. All you need is a Codicil form, which we have provided for you, and the signature of two independent witnesses. However, we strongly recommend that you ask your solicitor for advice on drafting your Codicil.

Q. Why do I need to tell you if I have left a gift to Ethiopiaaid?

Making a Will is a private and personal matter so we leave it entirely up to you whether or not you wish to tell us your intentions. However, if you do choose to leave us a gift we'd like the chance to thank you.

Also, by telling us if you've done so, we can plan for the work we need to do in the future with greater confidence. Of course, anything you tell us will be treated with strict confidence and is not legally binding.

You will find a Pledge Form that you can use to tell us your intentions in your booklet.