

A close-up photograph of a young child with dark skin and curly hair, drinking water from a hand pump. The child's hands are cupped under a stream of water falling from a metal pipe. In the background, other children are visible, some holding their hands to catch water. The scene is outdoors, likely at a community water point.

Leave the World a Better Place

Cord
Peace through Partnership

Together, we can help leave the world a better place

Cord has spent more than four decades helping people affected by war and violent conflict to rebuild their lives and communities. Sadly there are currently 42 million people around the world enduring the trauma and hardships that violent conflict can bring. Half of them are children.

Yet there is hope of a better future. Hope that Cord sees every day as we work with people who hunger for the security that only peace can bring. Their resilience is remarkable.

Whether it's helping the community build new homes, or a school, learning new skills or supporting local organisations in ways which help them grow sustainably, Cord is committed to enabling the world's bottom billion to pull themselves out of poverty and lead their country's development.

Through your generosity you will be impacting the life of a child, family or a community long after your death. Bequeathing a lasting gift that really will make a difference.



A Guide to Leaving a Gift in your Will

What is a legacy?

A legacy is a gift of money or property to a person or organisation as stated in your Will. Including Cord in your bequests could reduce the amount of tax paid on your estate. Because we are a registered charity, your gift to us is tax free, making it a very effective way for you to support us.

Steps to making a Will

Even if you don't have much money in the bank, you may own valuable possessions - a house, car, jewellery. You may have life assurance policies or a savings account. It is surprising how it all adds up.

Should you die intestate - without making a Will - the law will decide who gets what, and a substantial amount may be taken as tax. Making a Will can be straightforward, but Cord recommends that you consult a professional adviser or solicitor for help in writing yours. You will

need to appoint executors - up to four people whom you trust, to ensure that the instructions in your Will are carried out. Do seek their permission first as this is quite a responsibility.

How to change an existing Will

You should review your Will every few years, especially when your circumstances change: on having children, or grandchildren, or if you divorce, remarry or retire.

If you decide you would like to leave a legacy to Cord you can do so by adding a Codicil, which is a simple addition or alteration. As with your Will, this will need to be witnessed by two people, and stored for safekeeping with your Will. Whilst it is not essential for a Codicil to be drafted by a professional, it is wise to seek advice to ensure that it does not conflict with your existing Will.

By leaving Cord a gift in your Will you'll be helping to build lasting peace around the world; ensuring the next generation have the opportunities denied previously.

Ways of Giving

There is no limit to the number of legacies you can leave and there are various forms of giving:

Pecuniary Legacy

The gift of a fixed sum of money to a person or an organisation.

Residuary Legacy

A gift of what is left in your estate after all other bequests, debts, taxes and costs have been paid. You can share this between a number of individuals and organisations.

Specific item of Value

A specific item of property, work of art, furniture etc bequeathed to a person or organisation.

Life Interest Clause

You can specify that relatives or friends who live with you have the right to remain in your home during their lifetime, and that on their death the property and/or other assets revert to others.

Long Stop Legacy

You can specify that if for some reason all other provisions fail i.e. all named residual beneficiaries have died, or your conditions cannot be met, then your estate should revert to an organisation. Whatever your choice, professional guidance from an adviser or solicitor is recommended to maximise your estate effectively.



What could a Gift Achieve?

£2,500 could educate 35 primary school children for one year in Chad.

£5,000 could pay for community association and local government leaders in Cambodia to learn the skills of non-violent communication.

£10,000 could support a month's work with a national womens' rights group who are supporting the victims of gender based violence, used as a weapon of war.

£30,000 could help us work with local partners across Africa to develop their capacity to deliver high quality, well thought through programmes which make a lasting impact on their nation, helping bring about long-term peace.

We hope this booklet has inspired you to consider leaving Cord a gift in your Will. Thank you.



Response

If you'd like to receive regular updates about Cord's work, or would like to let us know that you intend to leave us a gift in your Will, please fill the form in below. (You are of course under no obligation to inform us of your intentions, but it is helpful for us to know).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I have left Cord a donation in my Will | <input type="checkbox"/> Send me occasional e-mail updates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cord will never sell or share your data with other organisations for marketing purposes. We will however disclose some data with carefully selected third parties who provide administrative services to Cord, such as card payment providers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Send me occasional postal updates |

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