



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

Gifts in Wills

Write Your Story, Change Theirs.

A widowed, mother-of-three from Syria, Kinda has faced myriad challenges throughout her life. Her children, Ali, 27, Mohamad, 23, who is disabled with encephalopathy, and Ahmed, 19, rely on her resilience and strength. © UNHCR.



YOUR GIFT WILL BE **A LEGACY OF KINDNESS.**



Foreword

Drafting a will is a personal experience, born out of love, care and consideration for the people and causes we care about most. It reflects the most important aspects of our lives, and the lives of those around us as well.

The decision to include refugees and displaced people in your will through UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is so much more than just a gift. It's a personal commitment to build a long, lasting impact on the lives of those who have lost so much. Your legacy will bring them shelter, safety and hope – a chance to rebuild their lives, one day at a time. Thank you for your belief in a brighter tomorrow for those in need.

It is an honour and a privilege to be considered your partner on this journey of compassion.

Talib Salhab
Chief of Private and
Philanthropic Partnerships
MENA

For 73 years UNHCR has been a leading organization protecting the rights of refugees and displaced people, present in **136 countries** throughout Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific.

Here are a few examples of UNHCR's life-changing work around the world.





Yemen

Providing Cash assistance to cover the most vital needs of displaced families



Sudan Emergency

Accessible water, hygiene, and sanitation facilities.



Jordan

Cash assistance to support refugees to live with safety and dignity.



Syria

We provide life-saving humanitarian aid for displaced Syrian and refugees, helping the most vulnerable with cash to cover their most vital needs.



Bangladesh

Supporting sustainable and physically safer housing for Rohingya refugees



Afghanistan

Protect those most vulnerable and assist Afghans with life-saving protection services – especially for women and girls, with shelter, core relief items, cash assistance, community-based programmes and more.

Leading the Charge: First to Respond, First to Protect.





Responding With Life-saving Support

During times of crisis and displacement, your generosity funds the rapid deployment of emergency aid. UNHCR emergency teams are ready to deploy within 72 hours of an emergency declaration, leading the humanitarian response to global displacement.

UNHCR collaborates with all parties involved to provide support in the early stages of emergency situations. By helping provide shelter, we're not just provisioning for a place to sleep, but we're also offering security and protection that provides refugees with a sense of home. UNHCR works to identify the most vulnerable refugees in need and close attention is paid to the needs of unaccompanied children, pregnant women, and the elderly.



UNHCR is often first on the ground, distributing core relief items to refugees like Mohamed. After his family fled their home in Syria, their refugee camp was battered by storms, causing tents and homes to flood. UNHCR was able to supply Mohamed and his family with everyday essentials like warm clothes, blankets, and mattresses, along with other necessary relief items.

UNHCR: The Journey to Safety and Hope

The journey of forced displacement is not limited to the geographical path refugees and displaced persons take to reach safety. It is a comprehensive life journey, filled with numerous needs, stages, and challenges.

For most, life begins on firm ground, supported by the care and warmth of family, within the stability of a homeland that grants them a birth certificate, residency protection, and access to institutions and facilities that provide essential services for living safely, learning, working, progressing, and building their lives.

The journey of displacement shares this essence, but with a stark difference.

Displacement means losing everything, and in some cases, this includes the care and support of family. Taking into consideration the tremendous hardships displaced individuals endure, the decision to include UNHCR in your will helps create a lasting, meaningful impact on the lives of those in need, even beyond your lifetime.

Listed below are the key stages of our work accompanying displaced persons, refugees, and their families.





Safe Passage and Protection

Guiding refugees to safety and support with their legal documentation, ensuring protection throughout their journey.



Shelter

Providing secure and dignified shelters—creating a home for those who have lost everything.



Survival Kit

Essential items for immediate support—clothing, hygiene supplies, and basic necessities to help families endure.



Water and Sanitation

Ensuring access to clean water and safe sanitation facilities—fundamental for health and dignity.



Emergency Nutrition

Nourishing children and families with life-saving food supplies, fostering resilience and hope for a brighter future.



Health Care

Offering medical assistance and health services—because every life matters and deserves care.



Disaster Relief

Responding swiftly to natural disasters, providing critical aid and support to affected communities.



Family Reunion

The different aspects involved in the process of bringing together families separated by conflict.



Emergency Logistics

Coordinating swift delivery of aid and resources—ensuring help reaches those in need without delay.



Education

Opening doors to learning and growth for refugee children, thereby shaping a brighter future through education.



Women's Health and Safety

Prioritizing the health and safety of women and girls through the provision of critical health services and support networks



Livelihood Support

Empowering refugees with skills and resources to rebuild their lives by fostering self-sufficiency and resilience.

Sadaqah Jariyah

Accessible Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) facilities. UNHCR's WASH aims to ensure that all people have access to safe and sufficient water, carefully managed sanitation, and live-in hygienic conditions. Under the UNHCR's self-reliance policies, water management committees are trained and equipped, ensuring sustainability and self-reliance for the future.

Access to clean water holds the power to profoundly touch the lives of refugees, offering more than just sustenance—it brings hope, dignity, and the promise of a brighter future.





The DAFI Programme

The DAFI Programme is more than just a scholarship initiative; it's a lifeline of hope for young refugees who dream of building a better future.

Since its launch by UNHCR in 1992, DAFI has equipped refugees with the skills they need to become self-reliant, find meaningful employment, and thrive.

The program helps rebuild lives, restore dignity, and inspire change. Beyond academics, DAFI supports graduates with internships, skills training, and volunteering opportunities to boost their employability. Today, the program operates in over 50 countries, with the largest student populations in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.



Livelihoods

UNHCR's livelihood projects have a transformative impact on refugees and displaced people, offering pathways to economic empowerment, skill development, social integration, and psychological well-being. By providing opportunities for income generation and vocational training, these projects empower refugees to rebuild their lives and their communities sustainably with dignity and resilience. From 2018, UNHCR has implemented home gardening education to refugee camps, where refugees grow crops, majorly vegetables, to enrich their food intake and nutrition, whilst also earning an additional income. Agriculture-based support has also been extended to members of targeted host communities. In Bangladesh, the Rohingya refugees are supporting their new community and equipping themselves with the skills and knowledge to live safely and healthily and prepare themselves for a future in Myanmar.

How a Vegetable Patch is Creating a Brighter Future



Kefayetullah, 25, his wife Fatima live in Kutupalong camp with their two children.

They have received support to create a vertical garden and a vegetable patch beside their shelter. Kefayetullah is disabled and cannot use his left arm but he is able to help his wife tend the vegetables.

“With the money we earn from selling the extra vegetables, I can buy fish and other groceries,” she said.

“I sometimes buy clothes for the family and for my relatives.”


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Fatima
Rohingya Refugee



I am the first from my community to join the university. I don't want to be the last.

Nosizi Reuben Dube, 23

At the University of Nairobi, Nosizi Reuben Dube, 23, is nearing the completion of her Economics degree. Her admission into the university marked a milestone — it came at a time when the Shona people, her community, were not yet recognised as citizens in Kenya.

Her mother had to advocate for her entry with the only ID they had, a clinic card. Now, armed with her national ID, Nosizi is not just looking towards graduation but is also setting her sights on enriching her community.

"I am the first from my community to join the university. I don't want to be the last," Nosizi proclaims. She is determined to be an agent of change and progress for the Shona, a community that has known the heavy burden of statelessness.

She reflects, **"I love school because being the first woman in my community to join the university I get to inspire more women to work hard."**



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

In 2015 at the age of 16, Maya Ghazal fled Damascus to begin a new life in the UK under a family reunification scheme. Unable to speak the language, she taught herself English and overcame numerous barriers to secure a place in school and restart her interrupted studies. Through hard work and tenacity, she secured a place at university and, in 2022, aged 21, graduated with a degree in Aviation Engineering and Pilot Studies and a private pilot license, fulfilling her dream of becoming the first female Syrian refugee pilot.

Maya is currently training to become a commercial pilot, hoping to get her 'wings' in 2025.

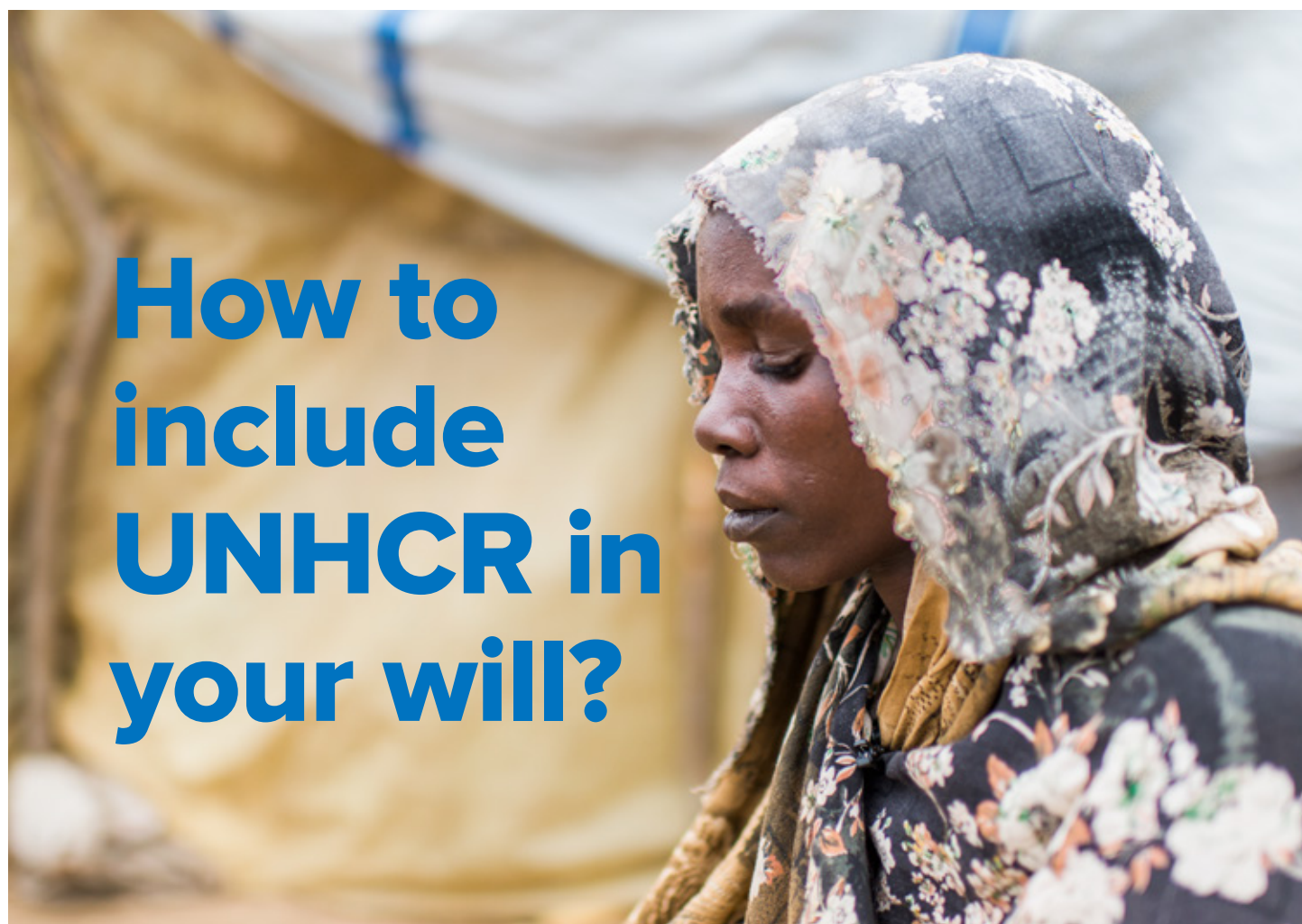
From facing uncertainty every day, to seeking asylum, and becoming the first female Syrian refugee pilot, Maya has shown that the sky really is the limit.



**Maya, The First
Female Syrian
Refugee Pilot**

Your generosity has made an incredible impact on the lives of refugees, and by including their cause in your will, **your kindness can continue to make a mark on their lives.**





1. Discuss your decision

with your loved ones and share your wishes with them.



2. Choose the type of gifts

you would like to include in your will:

- A percentage of your estate
- A specific sum of money
- A gift of real estate *
- An investment (artwork, jewellery, stocks, etc)



3. Visit a legal professional

to have your will drafted and registered.

Big or small, a gift in your will can make a world of difference to the lives of those in need.



For any inquiries about leaving a gift to UNHCR or assistance with writing wills, please contact Dania Elgergawi, our Relationship Manger, at Elgergaw@unhcr.org.

