



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.



BUILDING TOMORROW **HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP**



When we think about making a Will, it's only natural to consider loved ones, first and foremost. Many people also find a place in their Will to reflect on other important aspects of their lives – the issues that concern them the most and the causes they believe in.

Your decision to remember UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in your Will is more than a gift—it's the choice to make a personal connection with the lives of those who lost everything, offering them shelter, safety, hope, and the chance to rebuild their lives.

It's a reflection of the kindness you've shown throughout your life, and now you can use it as a powerful way to let your values of compassion and care, live long into the future.

Thank you for your belief in a brighter tomorrow, and for considering leaving a gift that will continue to change lives long after you're gone.

Taleb Salhab
Chief Private Sector
Partnership Officer
PSP MENA

For over 70 years UNHCR has been a leading organization protecting the rights of refugees, present in **136 countries** throughout Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific.

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





Yemen

Delivery of cash assistance and core relief items as part of our emergency response.



Sudan

Supporting accessible water, hygiene, and sanitation facilities.



Jordan

Delivery of cash assistance to help support refugees and displaced returning families survive with safety and dignity.



Syria

Provided life-saving humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees, helping the most vulnerable with cash for medicine and other necessities.



Bangladesh

Provision of inclusive and quality education to make sure young refugees look forward to a brighter future.



Afghanistan

Providing the most vulnerable Afghanis with lifesaving protection services – especially for women and girls, shelter, core relief items, cash assistance, community-based programmes.

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 bring support to those in need during the early stages of unrest. By providing shelter, we're not just giving them a place to sleep, we're offering security and protection that provides refugees with a sense of comfort. UNHCR works to identify the most vulnerable refugees in need, and close attention is taken for unaccompanied children, pregnant women, and the elderly.



UNHCR: Their 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 their 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

Facilitating the reunification of families separated by conflict—because togetherness is essential for healing.



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—shaping a brighter future through education.



Women's Health and Safety

Prioritizing the health and safety of women and girls—providing critical health services and support networks.



Livelihood Support

Empowering refugees with skills and resources to rebuild their lives—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 relief, dignity, and the promise of a brighter future.





The DAFI Programme

The DAFI Program 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, along with education, DAFI has equipped refugees in the program 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, 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 and 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 and as well as earning an additional income. Agriculture-based support has also been extended to members of targeted host communities.

In Bangladesh, the Rohingya refugees have learned to support their new community and equipped themselves with the skills and knowledge to live safe and healthy lives as they prepare for a future in Myanmar.

How a Vegetable Patch is Creating a Brighter Future



Kefayetullah, 25, and 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



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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 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 studies. Through hard work and tenacity, she secured a place at university and in 2022, aged 21, Maya graduated with a degree in Aviation Engineering and Pilot Studies, along with 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.**



How to include UNHCR in your will?



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, jewelry, stocks, etc.)



3. Visit a legal professional

to have your will drafted and registered.

Should you consider including a gift in your will to UNHCR, please contact our Gifts in Wills associate at elgergaw@unhcr.org to assist you with the next steps.

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



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