

DOCTORS OF THE WORLD UK



Leaving a gift in your Will to Doctors of the World UK is an investment in the health of excluded people, here in the UK and across the globe.

**A gift in your Will
will save lives.**



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

Doctors of the World UK is the UK chapter of the global Médecins du Monde network, an international human rights organisation made up of 17 chapters around the world working on both domestic and international health projects.

Founded in 1998, Doctors of the World UK provides **emergency and long-term medical care to vulnerable people - wherever they are**. We strengthen people's access to quality medical services, and fight for universal access to healthcare by advocating for sound evidence-based public health policy.

OUR PROGRAMMES

Doctors of the World serves more than **7.25 million people**, through **400 programs** in over **70 countries** thanks to **4,600 staff** and **6,300 volunteers**.

Our work in the UK and abroad focuses on five key areas:

1. Conflict and Crisis
2. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
3. Refugee and Migrant Health
4. Harm Reduction and People at Risk
5. Health and Environment



YOU WILL SUPPORT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR EXCLUDED PEOPLE IN THE UK



SUPPORTING GP PRACTICES

Our Safe Surgeries network of 1,700+ GP practices across the country provides training and ongoing support to GP practices to enable them to welcome everyone to their surgery. We are all entitled to primary care, regardless of who we are or where we are from. Surgeries have given our training sessions an average score of 4.5 out of 5 when asked if our training has improved their knowledge of rights to NHS services.



DIRECT SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS

Our team of volunteer doctors, nurses and caseworkers provide medical advice and support to people in the UK who cannot access healthcare, including: people seeking asylum, struggling with homelessness and members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities. We break down barriers including fear, mistrust, language and technical barriers alongside being wrongly asked for proof of address or immigration status. Over 90% of those we support are helped to register with a GP.

Delivered via our clinic, our mobile teams and our advice line.



ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

Supported by our volunteer team of 35 Experts by Experience we aim to make systemic changes to how those currently excluded from healthcare can access health services. We work across our sector with other campaigning charities including Freedom from Torture and Medicines San Frontiers alongside Medical Colleges and the British Medical Association.

YOU WILL SUPPORT MEDICAL CARE OVERSEAS



CRISIS IN GAZA

Our team of 40 in Gaza have lost family members, and many have lost their homes, since the escalation of violence.

We distributed 400 hygiene kits, to cover the most immediate needs of 2,400 people sheltering in a displaced camp in Gaza. We sent a 6-tonne cargo of medicines, surgical kits, and medical devices to treat more than 20,000 people stuck in the Strip.

We are actively advocating for an immediate ceasefire to prevent further unacceptable loss of human life.

EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKİYE AND SYRIA

Since the climate disaster in February 2023, **we've provided medical care to almost 180,000 people in Syria, and 22,400 in Hatay, Türkiye.** 976 people we supported also live with disabilities.

Our care has ranged from first-aid, sexual and reproductive health services, mental health support, and specific and targeted additional support to the most vulnerable in the community, such as single women, older people and children.

WAR IN UKRAINE

From the first days following the invasion, we have mobilised to provide assistance to the affected populations inside the country and to refugees in the neighbouring countries, by providing access to essential medicine and medical supplies, enabling direct healthcare services to be delivered at different levels of the health system.

29,000 people received direct health care from Doctors of the World and 120 health facilities have been supported by our organisation.

WHY LEAVE A LEGACY?

Leaving a legacy or gift in your Will is a great way to help someone or something you really care about. Once you have taken care of your family and friends, many people consider leaving money to a favourite charity. As little as 1% of your estate would make an enormous difference to us.

How to make a start

Your Will provides your opportunity to decide who you would like to receive your assets and possessions after you have gone. To write a Will, we suggest you contact a local solicitor who can draw up your Will and make sure that there won't be any complications. The [Law Society's website](#) can help you locate a solicitor in your area if you need help.

Before you visit the solicitor

Before your meeting it is a good idea to list your assets and any liabilities. For example: bank accounts, property, insurance policies, specific items of value and any debts, mortgages, or loans you may have. You also need to decide who you would like to be your Executor - this is the person that ensures that your wishes are carried out properly, it could be a friend, family member or your solicitor.



TYPES OF GIFT

There are two main ways of leaving gifts in your Will.

Pecuniary legacy

These are a straightforward cash gift of a specific amount of money. If you would like to leave a pecuniary gift to Doctors of the World UK, you may find the following wording helpful:

"I give to Doctors of the World UK of 80-92 High Street, London E15 2NE, registered charity number 1067406 the sum of £....."

Residuary legacy

This is a percentage sum of your estate, so after all individual gifts have been allocated the remainder of your assets can be divided up on this basis. The benefit of residuary legacies is that the value is not affected by inflation as there is no fixed sum. As the value of your estate increases, so will the value of your legacy. If this is what you would like to do the following wording might be helpful:

"I give all (or a% share) of the residue of my estate to Doctors of the World UK of 80-92 High Street, London E15 2NE, registered charity number 1067406."



Changing your Will

If you have already made your Will and wish to change any part of it, you need to add a codicil: a form that is added into your Will and reflects any changes to your circumstances.

If you need a codicil, there is one on [our website for you to print out and complete](#), or contact Kate (kdelaney@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk) and I will be delighted to send a copy.

I've decided I would like to leave you a gift - what now?

If you have decided to support us, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Not only does this allow us to thank you in your lifetime but it helps us to plan our work with confidence. As a small charity, we like to connect with our supporters and would be delighted to stay in touch with you. Please contact Kate Delaney our Head of Fundraising, in confidence and with no obligation on 0773 4211634 or at kdelaney@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk





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