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WILL, MSF CAN BE WHERE
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WHEN THE CALL COMES, WE'RE READY

During the civil war in South Sudan, I went to Jonglei state as a 'flying doctor' for MSF. We were running mobile clinics in remote places: flying in, staying for a few days and then moving on to the next stop.

When you do a three-day clinic in a place that hasn't had any medical care for two years, everyone comes. Each day long queues formed, and each day we worked into the night. People were happy just to be able

to talk to a doctor. MSF is one of the few organisations going into these places. After years of conflict, everyone is suspicious, but they can see that we are only interested in providing medical care. People see this and trust is built – it means we can operate safely, without interference.

It's the way we're funded that makes this possible. Your donations mean we can remain uninfluenced by any government, faction or religion.

As the new chair of MSF UK, I want to make sure that we can always deliver emergency medical care. I don't know if the next emergency will be in a warzone, in the aftermath of a natural disaster or responding to an outbreak of disease. I just know that MSF will be ready. Internationally, one in six of our projects is funded by gifts in wills. If you can, please support MSF in this special way.

Thank you,

Dr Javid Abdelmoneim
Chair of MSF UK



A child and his mother are cared for by Dr Philippa Pett in MSF's hospital in Thonyor, South Sudan. Photograph © Jacob Kuehn/MSF

WHY MAKING A WILL IS IMPORTANT

FOR YOU AND FOR MSF'S LIFESAVING WORK

Wills are not always easy to talk about, but they are important. By making a will, you can be certain that your wishes are known and will be acted on. Wills are becoming increasingly important to MSF too. Gifts left to us in wills play a vital role in making sure we have the funds we need to deliver emergency medical care to wherever in the world it is needed.

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET MADE A WILL

We strongly advise that you contact a solicitor to make your will. If you decide you would like to make a gift to MSF, the solicitor will ask if you want to leave a fixed sum of money (a 'pecuniary gift') to MSF, or a percentage of your estate once all specific gifts have been made and all debts and costs paid (a 'residuary gift'). The solicitor will need the following details of our UK charity registration number and address:

MSF UK, Lower Ground Floor, Chancery Exchange, 10 Furnival Street, London EC4A 1AB. Registered Charity No: 1026588

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE A WILL

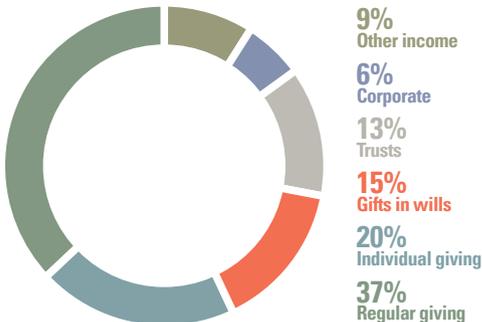
It's sensible to review your will every few years or when your circumstances change. In either event, we advise you to contact a solicitor to make any changes. If you want to leave a fixed sum (a 'pecuniary gift') to MSF, you can make a simple addition to your will called a codicil. More substantial changes might make it necessary to make a new will. Your solicitor will be able to advise what is best for you.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GIFT

While every gift to MSF is gratefully received, the best way to help us respond in an emergency is with a 'residual gift' – a percentage of your estate after your loved ones have been considered and provided for. Residual gifts have the advantage over a specific sum of money as inflation will not reduce their value over time.

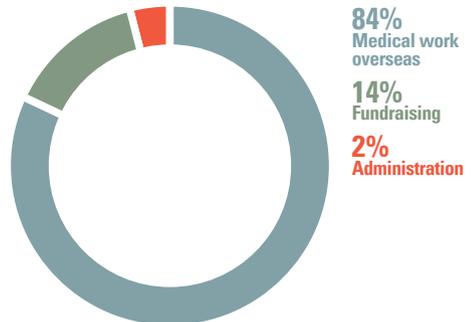
WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM

Last year, 15% of MSF UK's funding came from gifts in wills.



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

In 2017, for every £1 MSF UK spent on fundraising we raised £6.95.



READY TO RESPOND

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: PREVENTING AN EPIDEMIC

A child in Central African Republic receives a vaccine to protect him against a number of common childhood diseases which can be life-threatening if left untreated.
Photograph © Pierre-Yves Bernard/MSF



“We’re in a remote part of Central African Republic. Our plan is to vaccinate 40,000 children under five against measles in just six weeks. We’re ready to go when the news reaches us that several children have contracted measles. That changes everything.

Globally, measles is the most common cause of death in childhood. Complications can be serious and deadly. In addition, it’s highly contagious and a few cases can quickly become an epidemic. One of the reasons we’re here is because vaccination levels are so low as a result of the conflict.

New mission: vaccinate everyone under the age of 15 in just four weeks. We’re in a race against time. Our alarms go at 4.30 every morning. Five teams set off to carry out vaccinations; another team visits health centres and affected villages to treat patients already suffering from measles. In this way, people are able to get medical treatment and the number of measles patients with complications is reduced.

We encounter various obstacles. There are countless bridges in a precarious state, many fallen trees blocking the way, and sometimes the car gets stuck in the mud. Some places are completely inaccessible to cars, so we have to travel by motorbike, pirogue [a type of wooden canoe] or on foot.

On site things move fast. We set up a circuit with children moving between staff members to receive a vaccination card and their prescription, before getting a vitamin A shot and finally the vaccination itself. The final step is the tally sheet. Each child and their vaccination is recorded. In this way we protect up to 1,000 children a day from measles.

After one month, we come to the end of the first round of the campaign. We have vaccinated 64,000 children aged from six weeks to 15 years. It’s a great team effort.”

Vera Schmitz
MSF nurse

For more information about remembering MSF with a gift in your will, please call Elisabeth Stodel on 020 7404 6600 or email elisabeth.stodel@london.msf.org



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YEMEN: EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE

Eight-year-old Mohammed has the dressing changed on his leg by MSF nurse Abduljaleel after being injured in a motorcycle accident in Taiz, Yemen. Photograph © Trygve Thorson/MSF

“MSF’s hospital in Aden has 75 beds. Many of the patients are women and children who have been wounded in the war. I remember one little Somali boy who was living in a Yemeni refugee camp and who was shot as he was walking down the road. He survived and was okay after treatment, but to live through one terrible ordeal and think you’re safe, and then to be a refugee, unable to go home, and to find yourself in Aden of all places in the world – it must be terrifying.

Every day in Aden we treated women and children who had been caught up in blasts. It was very sad. Patients arrived suffering from massive haemorrhages and requiring immediate surgery. We had a lot of children

who were really malnourished too, because food is so hard to get hold of. They were much smaller than they should have been for their age and that delayed the healing process, and every delay makes them more susceptible to infection.

Seeing the trauma that patients endure is very hard. We do our best to provide effective treatment, but people still come away with such life-changing injuries. Yemen has been forgotten by many people, so I’m just happy that MSF is able to be here, where we’re needed most.”

Diane Robertson-Bell
MSF medical team leader

IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMEMBER MSF

IN YOUR WILL, WE PROMISE THAT:

- We will endeavour to spend your money in an area of the world that is close to your heart, if that is what you wish. However, please understand that we are an emergency organisation and that we may no longer be needed in the particular country or project you have in mind.
- We will respect your right to privacy. You don't have to tell us how much you have decided to leave to MSF.
- We will use your gift wisely and effectively.

WHEN A CRISIS HAPPENS, GIFTS IN WILLS HELP US TO RESPOND FAST

Team members unload supplies for mobile clinics from a helicopter in Port-à-Piment, Haiti, after a hurricane devastated the southwest of the island in October 2016. Photograph © Jeanty Junior Augustin/MSF



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