

# LET YOUR LEGACY REFLECT YOUR LIFE

A guide to continuing your support of children through a gift in your Will to Plan International Australia



# I DECIDED TO DEDICATE MYSELF TO CHILDREN EVERYWHERE ... IT IS WHAT I WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR.

It's strange thinking about how we will be remembered after we're gone (I often wonder if I'll be known as the bee lady who loved making her own honey!). But there is something comforting in knowing I have a choice in how I'm remembered too.

You see, like many people, I longed to have a child of my own. But when that didn't happen, I decided I would dedicate myself to children everywhere — the ones who weren't able to go to school, or who lived with violence, or who were married when they were much too young. I decided years ago my life would be about making the world better for them.

Naturally, soon after I started work at Plan International Australia, my husband and I were very fortunate to become pregnant with our beautiful daughter. But that didn't diminish my goal — if anything, having a daughter has only bolstered it. She is now a very active and vocal 6 year old, who loves spending time in the garden with me

(she even loves the bees!). She tells me she is proud her mum helps other children to be safe and happy.

So, like many Plan International supporters, when it comes to my Estate planning, I've made sure my daughter and step son are taken care of first. But whatever I have left over will be going towards my life goal — making sure all children can reach their potential and thrive.

If you share my goal, I'm hoping this booklet will be of use to you. It explains how easy — and how powerful — leaving a gift in your Will to Plan International Australia is. Of course, if you have any questions, my team will be happy to help. Don't hesitate to contact Emily, whose details are on the back of this brochure.



*Susanne Legena*  
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Chief Executive Officer



La knows how important it is for girls to get an education. In the rural area of Cambodia where she lives, women struggle to survive under the pressures of a changing climate. La doesn't want the poverty she's lived with all her life to be passed down to her daughter Chana — so she makes sure she gets to school every day by taking her on the back of her bicycle! A gift in your Will can help us train more teachers, supply tools for locals to build toilets and provide scholarships for more girls like Chana.



Finally free from violence and passionate about helping her girls succeed, Lumasha helps her 10-year-old daughter Naimato study for school.

## “MY MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE NOW IS TO GIVE MY DAUGHTERS A BETTER CHILDHOOD THAN I HAD.”

When you educate a girl, you're not just changing her life or the life of her future children. You also change the life of others in her community, because she shows by example how — with the right support — anyone can be the first of their generation to be free, safe and equal.

This is the case for Lumasha, a mother of two from Kenya, who came into contact with the Girls Advocacy Alliance (GAA), a program supported by Plan International that helps girls stand up for their rights. “It’s no exaggeration to say that this group saved my life,” Lumasha says. “For the first time ever, I dared to speak up about my horrible experiences.”

You see, Lumasha grew up in a violent family and, forced to drop out of school at just 13, ended up marrying a violent man. It was all she knew; all she expected from life. But after attending the GAA, where

she learnt about problem and conflict solving, Lumasha understood a different life was possible. She also realised she had the power to give her daughter an education, opportunities and a safe home.

“Thanks to these training sessions, along with the skills I have learnt, I no longer need a husband,” she says. She enrolled in a Plan International-supported seamstress course so she could become financially independent and pay for her daughters to go to school.

“My main purpose in life now is to give my daughters a better childhood than I had. Thanks to this training, I can look forward to the future with confidence and hope.”

# A GUIDE TO CREATING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Leaving a gift in your Will to a cause that's close to your heart is actually easier than you might imagine. And if creating a world where all children can leave poverty behind and reach their full potential is an important cause for you, we'd love you to consider including a gift to Plan International Australia.

No matter how large or small, your gift will make the kind of impact for children that may never have been possible during your lifetime – and it's actually a fairly straight-forward process.

There are several different types of bequests, and we suggest you seek the advice of a solicitor when making your Will. They will help make sure your Will reflects your intentions.

A solicitor may talk to you about the following options:

**Residual gift:** This gift is the remainder of your estate, or percentage thereof, after your loved ones have been provided for and expenses have been deducted. This is the type of gift we usually recommend, as it allows you to take care of your family and still leave a very meaningful gift to your preferred charity or charities.

**Percentage gift:** This gift is used if you wish to divide your estate among a number of people or organisations. Leaving your gift as a percentage rather than a fixed amount will ensure that inflation doesn't erode the value of your gift over time.

**If you have specific requirements, please get in touch. We're always ready to help you with this very important – and very personal – decision.**

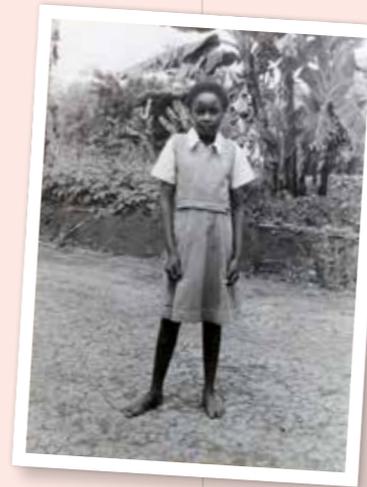
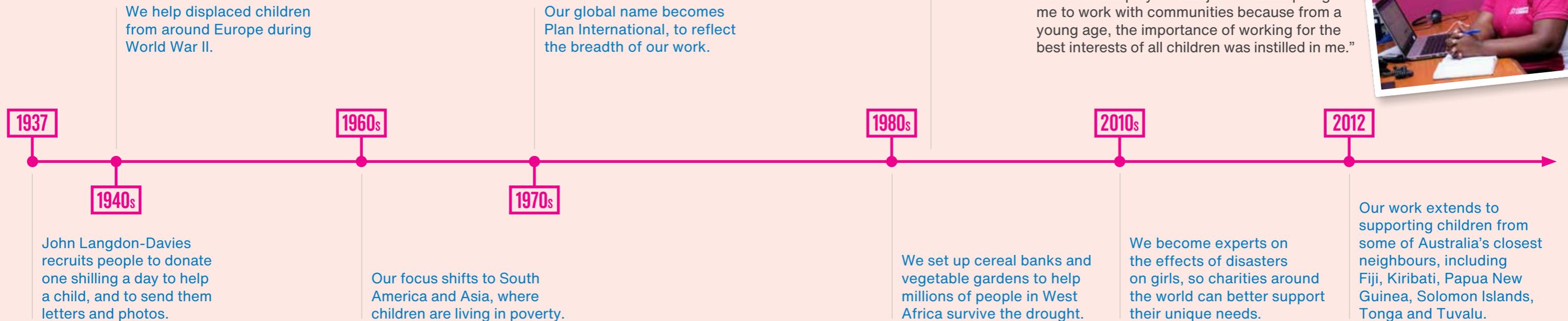


Grade 4 students from Cambodia learn how to grow, harvest and preserve fresh vegetables, such as eggplant, papaya, chili, winter melon, pumpkin and herbs, under the guidance of their teacher Sony. This project is made possible through gifts generous supporters have left in their wills and funding provided by the Australian Government's Australian NGO Cooperation Program.

# TO BELIEVE IN A FUTURE WHERE ALL GIRLS WILL THRIVE ... ... WE ONLY NEED LOOK BACK ON HOW FAR WE'VE COME

**Changing the world for the next generation of girls *is* possible.**

Just look at what we have been able to achieve since our founder, John Langdon-Davies, sought to help displaced children fleeing conflict during the Spanish Civil War. Now more than 80 years later, thanks to supporters like you, we empower and support children and young people in more than 50 countries.



Faith's story is proof that when you educate a girl, it's not just her life that changes — she is able to go on and change the lives of many other girls in the future.

As a sponsor child in 1982, Faith remembers the changes Plan International made to her school and community, and the positive effect sponsorship had on her life.

“My sponsors and I used to communicate through letters. I enjoyed drawing and writing letters to them and having my photo taken to show how I was progressing. I treasured those moments, because I knew it was Plan that was behind the improvements at my school and in my community.”

Today, Faith is the one implementing the positive changes in communities — she recently joined Plan International in Kenya as a Project Officer!

“After leaving school, I trained as a social worker and counsellor, and wanted to work with children and young people. Plan International played a major role in inspiring me to work with communities because from a young age, the importance of working for the best interests of all children was instilled in me.”



# OUR PLAN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF GIRLS

Just like in 1937, children are still fleeing danger and living in poverty. Girls are still missing out on an education, experiencing violence and being married as children. That's why we won't stop until every child can learn and grow to reach their full potential. Our ambitions are clear and with a gift in your Will, we can achieve them.

## HOW?

**By empowering girls** — Girls are powerful agents of change. When girls speak up, know their rights and lead, they create a better, more equal world — for themselves and everyone else.

**By listening** — Children and young people are the experts in their own lives. We are not here to speak for them. We are here to amplify their voices.

**By tearing down barriers** — We work with those with power and those without to transform the systems, norms and beliefs that entrench inequality.

**By walking the talk** — Gender equality and inclusiveness is at the core of all our decisions, our practices, our partnerships and our leadership.

**By protecting** — We are committed to child protection and wellbeing, especially during disasters and emergencies.



We created temporary learning spaces for children who were displaced during a series of strong earthquakes and a tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia.

**“MY FAMILY WILL STILL BE OK. THEY WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY FOR THAT MONEY TO GO TOWARDS HELPING CHILDREN”**



In 2010, Frouke travelled to Nepal to meet her sponsor child Asmita and see the projects she supported firsthand, such as the installation of new water tanks, a women's micro-finance group and literacy and numeracy lessons for women and girls.

Frouke de Reuver has always had a lot of empathy and cares about other people, especially children, which she attributes to the way she was raised. She grew up listening to stories of how her mother's family had hidden Jewish children in their home during World War II. "My mother had a very strong social ethic and she was very caring," says Frouke. "She passed on a sense of 'this is just what you do'."

As a former teacher and child sponsor for almost 40 years, Frouke said it made sense to leave a gift in her Will to Plan International Australia — and her family completely supports her choice.

"We all share the same ethics and values, which makes it very easy. And again, partly that came from my mother ... [My family] will appreciate my money but there is enough to support my key areas of passion. They are certainly happy that I am doing it."



## SUGGESTED WORDING OF YOUR WILL

**You can use the suggested wording below, to describe the type of gift you wish to make to Plan International Australia in your Will.**

Once again, we recommend you seek qualified legal advice when making a Will or changing an existing Will.

*I give free of all duties or taxes...*

*(Please insert here the appropriate statement selected from the six options below)*

- 1. the whole of my estate*
- 2. [insert number] % of my estate*
- 3. the residue of my estate*
- 4. [insert number] % of the residue of my estate*
- 5. the sum of \$ [insert value of your gift]*
- 6. [insert number] of my [insert name of shares] shares*

*...to Plan International Australia (ABN 49 004 875 807) for its general purposes. The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.*



Atop one of the highest mountains in Timor-Leste is a pre-school where children are preparing to enter primary school by practicing literacy, numeracy and social skills. Your support helps to provide children with nutritious food to help them grow and improve their concentration in class.



## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR?

We'd love to have a chat and answer any questions you have, in complete confidence and with no obligation. Please contact:

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**Front and back cover images:** Pictured are girls from one of the 30 early childhood care centres Plan International has built in the Kibaha district of Tanzania since 1996. In 2019, we were able to successfully leave the area, entrusting the centres into the care of 60 caregivers and 30 committees who will oversee children's learning and development from now on.