THE GREATEST GIFT

ETHIOPIAID

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A LEGACY FOR ETHIOPIAID

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WHEN YOU LEAVE ETHIOPIAID A GIFT IN YOUR WILL YOU ARE GIVING HOPE TO SOME OF THE MOST MARGINALISED AND IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE. HOPE OF A LIFE FREE FROM POVERTY

At Ethiopiaid, we are always humbled by the generosity of our donors. The support we receive makes such a difference to the lives of the vulnerable in a country that is still very poor.

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will write, and the decision about what happens to your estate after your death is a very personal one. We hope you will be inspired by the work we do and that (once you have looked after your friends and family) you will consider including Ethiopiaid in your Will.

Ethiopiaid's model is simple. We connect our donors with trusted local partners across Ethiopia, giving them direct and practical support. We are a small team and are lucky to benefit from free office space thanks to Reed Recruitment.

By including us in your Will you will be helping to:

- **Directly fund the work of our partners**
- **Empower people to lift themselves out of poverty**
- **Create positive & lasting change for the poor and marginalised.**

HOPE

"These women have suffered more than any woman should be called upon to endure; to meet only one is to be profoundly moved and calls forth the utmost compassion that the human heart is capable of feeling."

Dr Catherine Hamlin, Founder of the Hamlin Fistula Hospital

...FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Your legacy could improve the lives of women and girls. It can help to cure terrible conditions like obstetric fistula, train midwives and give a whole generation of Ethiopian women the lasting gift of hope.

When Kenru (pictured right) arrived at the Hamlin Fistula hospital she was in agony and dressed in stinking, filthy rags. She had survived a prolonged and traumatic labour only to lose her baby at the end of it. During her labour, Kenru also suffered a serious internal injury – a hole in her bladder known as a fistula. This left Kenru incontinent and shunned by her community. She was condemned to a life of hurt and despair.

All it cost was €635 to change her life. This covered the price of her operation. After her surgery Kenru smiled for the first time. During her stay Kenru learned how to make a new dress to wear home - teaching her a new skill and helping to restore her dignity.

Together with our fistula partner we work tirelessly to find sufferers, repair their terrible injuries, rehabilitate them, and train the next generation of midwives to prevent this from happening in the future.

Please help us to eradicate obstetric fistula in Ethiopia.

Help stop harmful practices to women and girls

To educate communities about the risk and health implications associated with harmful practices, we work with two local organisations: Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD) and Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA).

- ***AWSAD*** provides a safe haven for women and girls who have suffered physical and sexual violence. They offer safe houses, psycho-social support, training, and capacity building that extends to local government and the police force. Ethiopiaid has supported AWSAD since 2012.
- 23.8 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM) in Ethiopia, the second highest rate in Africa. ***APDA*** tackles harmful practices in the Afar region. They work in remote communities challenging the cultural beliefs that perpetuate instances of FGM and early marriage. APDA has been a partner since 2017.

Save young girls and babies from FGM.

EDUCATION

"People won't need money to learn, just the desire to better themselves. Talent and intellect will be nurtured and the leaders of the future will emerge."

Dr Minas Hiruy, Hope College of Business, Science and Technology.

...THE GREATEST GIFT

Enable more girls to attend school

Harifeya (pictured right) is 16 years old and at the top of her grade at Adigudem Secondary School. She aspires to become an obstetrician-gynaecologist and help women and girls like herself. Harifeya is from Wujurat, which is 22 miles away from school and visits her family once a month. In rural Ethiopia girls are often sent far away to stay with relatives in order to achieve an education and secure a better future for themselves.

Harifeya started her period 2 years ago. On average, two out of five girls miss school because of their period. In rural areas like Tigray, 98% of girls lack access to sanitary products as they are expensive and hard to find. Girls are forced to use whatever materials are available such as grass, leaves, old rags or nothing at all.

It is thanks to our dedicated supporters that we are able to provide girls like Harifeya with free sanitary wear, which helps keep them in school.

Each sanitary pack costs just €3.50 to produce - that's an average of €3,500 to provide for all the girls in one school. Each pack contains reusable pads, underwear and soap. Going forward Dignity Period plans to reach thousands more girls across Tigray and expand their work into other remote regions of Ethiopia.

Harifeya believes that providing packs is the beginning of approaching a larger problem, which is access to a quality education. No woman or girl should be held back from achieving their potential or feel ashamed of having their period.

Your legacy can provide a way out of poverty

There are approximately 150,000 children living on the streets of Ethiopia, with 60,000 of those living in Addis Ababa. More than half of these children do not have access to shelter, adequate food, or an education.

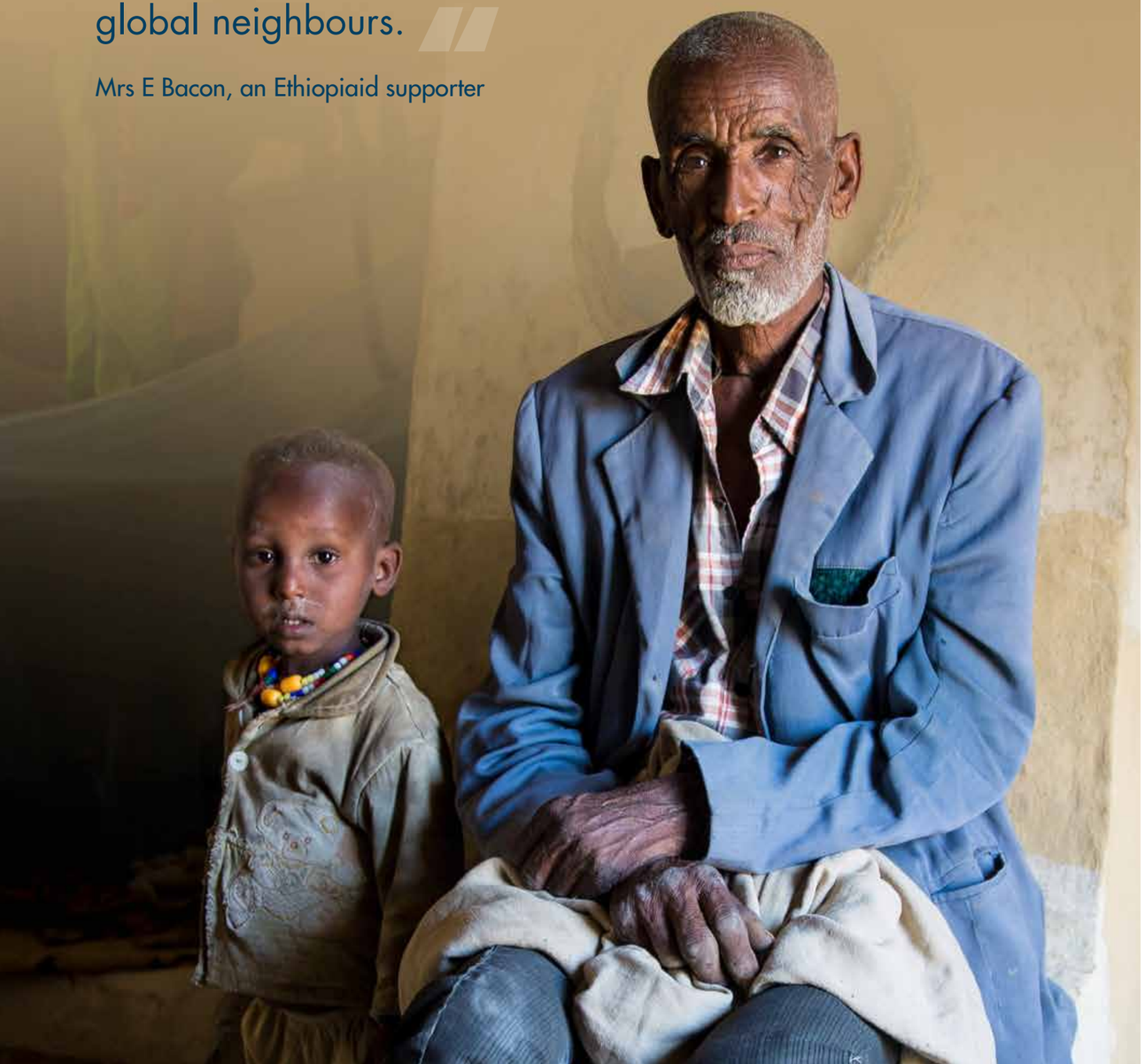
We partner with Hope Enterprises to provide an education for over 4,000 students from impoverished backgrounds in 7 regions of Ethiopia. Their 'Ladders of Hope' approach starts with feeding 1,150 street children breakfast every day, through to running primary and secondary schools, and vocational training.

Students can progress to higher education, and apply to attend Hope College of Business, Science & Technology. Opened in October 2011 as the first public benefit institution of higher learning in Ethiopia, it is currently supporting over 1,000 students - an opportunity that these young people would otherwise have never had.

DIGNITY

"Ethiopiaid is more personal and quite specific in its ways of working …compared to many of the larger more worldwide charities, and I feel that is important when dealing with the more vulnerable of our global neighbours."

Mrs E Bacon, an Ethiopiaid supporter



…FOR THE MARGINALISED

Life is desperately hard for so many people in Ethiopia. This can especially be said for children living with disabilities who face prejudice and discrimination. Hana is one such child.

Concerned about her development, her family travelled 375 miles to take her to a doctor, and at 6 years old, Hana was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. In the face of intolerance, Hana's family sought to provide her with support for a chance at a better life. They took the big step of moving out of their village to Addis Ababa, where they learned about Cheshire Services.

Cheshire Services provide care and support for children with physical and learning disabilities, offering intensive programmes of therapy, rehabilitation, surgery and mobility devices. When Hana first began therapy with Cheshire, she was unable to walk or speak. After three years of intensive therapy Hana had developed enough to join children in her local school. She has made great progress and is able to fully integrate with her peers, playing and enjoying all aspects of school life. She wants to be a pilot when she grows up.

Repair a NOMA survivor's face and rebuild their life

NOMA is a flesh eating disease that burrows through skin, muscle and bone leaving terrible facial disfigurements. It mainly affects children under the age of five and is caused by extreme poverty and malnutrition. 90% of victims do not survive.

We work with our partners to provide post operative rehabilitation for Noma survivors, as well as those with burns, animal bites and facial tumours. Highly skilled volunteer medical teams travel to Ethiopia and perform complex reconstructive surgery which, for some patients, is the difference between life and death.

As a result of these interventions, survivors are able to eat, speak, and breathe properly again. Children can return to school and adults to their communities with a new sense of confidence.

MY GIFT

To be able to transform the lives of those who live a life of isolation, suffering and extreme poverty is a very special legacy…That is why I personally am making a legacy to Ethiopiaid. I believe that gifts in Wills, or legacies as they're also known, are the most personal and meaningful gifts that people can make to causes they're passionate about.
In fact, I consider a legacy to be the greatest gift of all.

Sir Alec Reed CBE, Founder Ethiopiaid

...WHY I DECIDED TO REMEMBER

Over the years many of our supporters have been inspired to leave generous gifts. These gifts have a significant impact on our partners.

One donor chose not only to include Ethiopiaid in her Will but also gave a 'living legacy', so that she could enjoy seeing the impact of her gift during her lifetime, and maximise her giving through Revenue's Charitable Donation Scheme.

Thanks to her living legacy our education partner Hope Enterprises were able to start new classes, so that more children could attend school, receive educational materials and books.

"My involvement with Ethiopiaid started over 15 years ago and their focus on education has always been of particular interest. Having been a teacher myself I know how it can transform lives.

I have made two large gifts. Choosing to do so during my lifetime means I am seeing how my donations are having an impact. Ethiopiaid listens to my requests and I feel connected to the partners they support. I have full confidence in their unique approach and plan to include them in my Will"

An Ethiopiaid supporter

A LEGACY

"Ethiopia remains one of the poorest countries in the world and its people continue to endure terrible suffering. If a gift in my Will can ease that suffering, even for a few people, then it will have been a hugely worthwhile step to take."

Ethiopiaid supporter

...IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

EVERY LEGACY, BIG OR SMALL, CAN CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER

What you may consider to be a small part of your estate can change the fortunes of people living in abject poverty.

The legacies we receive come in all shapes and sizes and for all kinds of reasons, but whatever the amount and whatever the motivation, every donation made in a Will is valuable to us.

Family and friends come first.

Making your Will and keeping it up to date is the best way to take care of the people closest to you and make sure that your wishes are known. It helps you set out exactly what you want, and makes proper provision for their future. But, once family and friends have been provided for, it's the ideal time to think about remembering your favourite charitable causes, like Ethiopiaid.

Different ways to leave a gift

A residuary gift

This is a popular way to leave a gift to a charity because it is what is left over (the residue) of your estate after family and friends have been provided for and all liabilities paid. Residuary gifts are expressed as a percentage, so they are a good way of ensuring that a charity is not affected by inflation in the future, and still receives the share of your estate you intended it to have.

A pecuniary gift

This is a fixed sum of money. However, unless you review your Will regularly or your gift is inflation linked, it is likely to decrease in value over time.

A specific gift

This is a gift of a particular item or items like jewellery, paintings, land, buildings or specified investments such as shares.

INVESTING

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...IN THE FUTURE

Whatever the future holds for the Ethiopian people, you can be there.

A gift in a Will is a wonderful thing - it costs you nothing in your lifetime yet it promises tomorrow's generation of Ethiopians a better and more just life.

We hope that you feel inspired to leave Ethiopiaid a gift, having seen the incredible things your support can achieve.

You will find a Frequently Asked Questions leaflet inside this booklet, which we hope will answer any further queries you may have. However, if you still have questions, or would like to talk to someone in confidence, please call our office on **01 677 5188** or you can email **hello@ethiopiaid.ie.**

If you have already decided to remember us in your Will, thank you so much! If you wish to amend an existing Will and add Ethiopiaid as a beneficiary you can use the enclosed Codicil form which, provided you get it correctly witnessed and signed, is all you need. We do still advise that you consult your solicitor.

Should you decide to remember Ethiopiaid in your Will - or if you have already done so - please do let us know as we would like the opportunity to say thank you. Of course, you can rely on us to treat anything you tell us in the strictest confidence.

Thank you

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