



Action for  
Southern Africa

# Legacy

# Information Pack

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Welcome to ACTSA's Legacy Information Pack. The pack should give you all the basic information that you need to understand what a legacy gift is and how you can go about leaving one to organisations and charities, such as ACTSA.

I hope that you are interested in supporting ACTSA with a legacy gift, and to work with us to help build a better future for the people of southern Africa.

## **Introduction to ACTSA**

Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA) is the successor organisation to the Anti Apartheid Movement (AAM). The organisation was formed in 1994 to work with the people of southern Africa to overcome the legacy of poverty and injustice left behind by apartheid and colonialism.

Today, ACTSA continues to campaign for a better future for the people of southern Africa. We campaign on issues including, gender equality, equal access to care and treatment for all people affected by HIV/AIDS and for justice and democracy for Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

## **Explaining Legacy Gifts**

A legacy is a gift of personal property through a will by the writer of the will (the 'testator') to an individual or organization (the 'legatee').

If you choose to give money to a charity in your will, you can give to more than one charity, as well as your loved ones.

This can be done through giving:

- A specific amount of money (*Pecuniary Legacy*)
- A specified portion of a property (*Proportionate Legacy*)
- A specific item e.g. a piece of jewellery, a painting (*Specific Legacy*)
- The remainder of your property after giving specified percentages to a loved one/ loved ones, and designated items to specified people (*Residuary Legacy*)

## **Why Legacy Gifts are important to ACTSA**

Legacy gifts enable ACTSA to continue with our campaigning work and help us plan long-term campaigning projects for the future.

We use the money people leave us on our work campaigning with the people of southern Africa to build a better future for the region. Our current campaigns include: promoting gender equality, calling for equal access to treatment and care for all those affected by HIV/AIDS, and campaigning for justice, rights and democracy for the people of Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

Your money will help to fund these and similar future campaigns as we work to build a better future for the region.

## **What to do next**

### **If you are considering making a will**

If you do not already have a will, we recommend you visit local solicitors in your area.

They will be able to help you to write your will and make decisions about what assets you would like to give to specific people or charities, and how you would like to divide your possessions and/ or money in terms of percentages, between those people and organisations you most care about.

You can use the following sites to help you find solicitors near you.

#### **Unbiased.co.uk**

Website: [www.unbiased.co.uk](http://www.unbiased.co.uk)

Email: [solicitorcontact@unbiased.co.uk](mailto:solicitorcontact@unbiased.co.uk)

#### **Certainty.co.uk**

Website: [www.certainty.co.uk](http://www.certainty.co.uk)

Telephone: 0845 408 0404

*N.B. ACTSA cannot accept responsibility for the content of other websites.*

If you already have a will and are considering amending it to leave a gift for ACTSA or another organisation or charity, it is very simple to do so without rewriting your entire will. There are two simple options.

You can amend your existing will with the guidance of a solicitor. To do this you should contact your solicitor and ask them to oversee the amends.

Or you can add a document called a *codicil* to your will which does not require that you change your existing will. A solicitor can help you put together a document specifying additional information that means you need not rewrite your existing will.

For more information on how to amend your will or add a codicil please contact your solicitor.

## **Thank you for considering leaving a legacy gift to ACTSA**

We hope that you are keen to leave a legacy gift to ACTSA. We appreciate the generosity of everybody who leaves a legacy to ACTSA, enabling us to continue our work helping to build a better future for the people of southern Africa.

We recognise that this is a confidential matter but we are grateful when people let us know if they plan to leave a legacy gift to ACTSA. Knowledge of future donations enables us to plan for the future. We would also like the opportunity to thank you.

If you have any questions or queries about anything connected with legacies please contact ACTSA on 0203 263 2001 or email [info@actsa.org](mailto:info@actsa.org).