

GUIDE TO MAKING A BEQUEST **2020**





How your gift will make a difference

At ADI we pride ourselves on our ability to go remote to try to address the inequitable access to healthcare experienced by so many families in PNG.

Our volunteer doctors and health teams have real grit doing whatever it takes to deliver medical services to isolated communities including driving off road, travelling in by banana boat and even hiking long distances through jungle terrain!

Additionally, our doctors work to **increase the clinical ability of rural and remote healthcare workers in PNG** by providing ongoing education and professional support. They do this through case-based training while on patrol, group-based training at the end of clinic days as well as gathering and training remote healthcare workers on in-depth topics that meet their needs in training centres close to their homes.

When you leave a gift in your Will to ADI, you can be assured that your legacy will work for a healthier PNG for many years to come.

Meet Joe and Dr Penny

Joe is an 11 year old boy from New Ireland Province in PNG with a smile that lights up a room. He lives in a community so remote that until ADI volunteer doctors and healthcare workers arrived by boat late last year, Joe had never received medical treatment despite his significant disability. Australian Paediatrician and ADI patrol doctor Penny Uther met Joe while on patrol.

"I was struck by how bright and motivated he was," Dr Penny (pictured right with Joe) recalls. "Despite his disability, he had taught himself to write with his feet and was keen to show us some of his work."

"In Australia, Joe's condition would have been diagnosed antenatally and successfully treated with surgery and intensive physical therapy," Dr Penny continues. "Expectant mothers in PNG have very limited access to this sort of medical care and children like Joe, born with a disability, receive little or no medical treatment or therapy. ADI were able to provide Joe's family with information about schooling options for him and are in the process of working to secure suitable aids to further assist Joe with day to day activities however, sadly, there can be no real reversal of his condition as we simply found him too late!"



Papua New Guinea is just 6km north of Australia yet the World Health Organisation (WHO) ranks PNG as having the worst health status in the entire Pacific region. When it comes to health outcomes, our two nations couldn't be further apart. Thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourself, however, things are starting to change.

Over the past 12 months, ADI volunteer doctors and healthcare workers have been able to deliver more than 25,000 clinical services and provide public health education for over 13,000 community members. This has had a significant impact on the health of rural and remote Papua New Guineans - however more help is needed.

Leaving a bequest to ADI will have real impact for the people of PNG and will help us reach many other children like Joe to deliver timely and life-changing medical intervention.

Thank you for sharing our vision for a healthier PNG.



How to leave a gift in your Will

Every gift in Will, no matter how big or small, helps Australian Doctors International (ADI) to work towards a healthier PNG.

Leaving a Bequest has big impact - and it's so easy to do! Here's how you can leave a gift in your Will.

Step 1: Speak to your family and loved ones

It is essential that you provide for your loved ones first. Leaving a bequest is a personal decision for you to make, however we recommend letting your loved ones know that you are planning to also leave a gift to Australian Doctors International (ADI).

Step 2: Decide what kind of gift to leave

There are 3 main ways to make a gift in your Will to Australian Doctors International (ADI):

- **A residual bequest.** You can make a gift of the residue (or remainder), or a percentage of the residue, of your estate once specific gifts and expenses have been taken care of.
- **A specified amount.** You can make a specific bequest by simply stating the dollar amount in your Will that you wish to leave to Australian Doctors International (ADI).
- **An asset.** You may wish to make a gift of a specific asset, for example real estate, shares or bonds.

Step 3: Get the help of a professional

Your Will is an important legal document and a solicitor or public trustee can help you ensure that your paperwork is in order, worded correctly and presented in the right way. In order to make this as easy as possible we have included suggested wording which you can take to your solicitor for guidance.

Step 4: Making your Will

Your Will must be in writing (handwritten, printed or typed) and include specific wording. It must be signed and dated on every page. Your signature must be witnessed by TWO people who are not named as beneficiaries of your estate. They both need to sign their own name on every page of your Will. Your solicitor will be able to assist you.

Step 5: That's it!

Once your paperwork is in order, you can trust that you will be making a lasting difference to the lives of children and families in some of the most remote communities of PNG that will have impact for generations to come.

If you choose to leave a gift in your Will, please let Australian Doctors International (ADI) know so that we can thank you!

How to ammend your Will

If you have already written your Will, the easiest way to make a gift to Australian Doctors International (ADI) is to add a codicil – a short legal amendment – to your Will. This can be organised with a phone call or email to your solicitor, followed by a visit to their office to finalise the amendment and sign the codicil.

Suggested Wording

“I bequeath to Australian Doctors International (ADI) Ltd ABN 15 718 578 292 registered office BUPA Building 550C Sydney Road, Seaforth NSW 2092 [insert the percentage or residue of your estate, the amount of money, or the details of assets you wish to leave].

My bequest is to be used for the general purposes of Australian Doctors International (ADI).

I declare that the receipt of an executive officer at the time shall be a sufficient discharge of my executor’s duty.”

For More Help

We’re here to help. To speak to us about making a gift in your Will, please give our office a call on (02) 9907 8988 or email adioffice@adi.org.au. We would love to have you come in to the office to meet the team and hear more about the work we do. Alternatively, a Board member can come to your home to meet with you at a time that suits to discuss the impact your bequest could have.



Our Promise To You

- We respect your privacy and decision to make a gift provision in your Will.
- We respect that you can always change your mind, that your family and loved ones will always come first
- We will treat your gift with the respect and sensitivity it deserves.
- We will keep you and your family updated on our work and how your gift will help provide and strengthen health services in some of the most rural and remote communities in PNG.

Thank you!



Other FAQs

What is a gift in Will?

If you make a gift provision in your Will to Australian Doctors International (ADI), you are giving a designated financial amount or percentage of your estate, in cash, property, securities or other assets, to help fund programs that work towards a healthier PNG. Leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is often called a bequest.

How can I make a gift in my Will to Australian Doctors International (ADI)?

We have included recommended wording for your Will with this booklet. We advise that you take this as the basis of a discussion with your loved ones, solicitor or public trustee. We appreciate that you may have particular interests you would like to discuss that may influence the wording so please get in touch. We welcome your obligation-free enquiries. All discussions will be confidential.

Should I notify you if I have made a gift to ADI in my Will?

Leaving a gift in your Will to Australian Doctors International (ADI) is one of the most thoughtful ways to support vulnerable communities in PNG into the future. Your gift shows foresight and commitment, but we understand it can be a private matter. If you do let us know about your gift, we can properly prepare to receive it, and plan ahead. We would also love to express our appreciation, keep you up to date with our work and invite you and your family to relevant events.

I've already made my Will, can I still make a gift?

If you've already drafted your Will, you can make an amendment by adding a codicil to include Australian Doctors International (ADI). We recommend you seek independent professional advice to ensure that your wishes are expressed correctly.

My gift is only modest, does that matter?

Australian Doctors International (ADI) is honoured to have the trust and support of people like you. Every gift, no matter how small or large, makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Is my gift tax deductible?

Australian Doctors International (ADI) is registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Provided that your gift brings no material or tangible benefits to you under the rules specified by the Australian Taxation Office, monetary or other gifts to Australian Doctors International (ADI) are generally allowable for deductions for Australian income tax purposes. Donors should, however, seek independent advice from their legal and/or taxation advisor.

Do I have to specify how my gift is used?

A gift in your Will is generally unassigned as this helps us provide funding for the most pressing needs in the future. Greater flexibility increases our capacity to respond to changing needs and priorities in remote communities of PNG. It is often beneficial for a benefactor to have a personal discussion with Australian Doctors International (ADI) staff or Board member about a bequest intention to ensure that Australian Doctors International (ADI) can execute the gift according to the benefactor's wishes.

Thank you!



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