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DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS



**The lives we save
start with the gifts
you leave**



In 2023, for every
£1 MSF UK spent on
fundraising we raised

£6.53

**Gifts left to us in wills play a vital
role in making sure we have the
funds we need to provide emergency
medical care wherever in the world
it is needed.**

Your legacy will help save lives into the future

When a disaster strikes or a war breaks out, our teams are on the ground fast, providing lifesaving medical care.

In the aftermath of the major earthquakes that struck northwest Syria and south Turkey (Türkiye) in February 2023, our staff – who were already working in northwest Syria – were able to start treating the injured within hours.

We also have a dedicated emergency team – known as the E-team – to respond rapidly to crises across the globe, wherever and whenever they occur. Made up of experienced doctors, nurses, logisticians and epidemiologists, E-team members are always on call. I worked for MSF's E-team as a doctor in Syria, Yemen, Ukraine and Central African Republic, among other places.

In 2014 during the civil war in Yemen, I travelled with the E-team to the north of the country to find out what was missing in terms of medical care and to help plug some of those gaps. On the way, we drove through mountains, camped out in offices and sheltered from bombings. Once there, we set up mobile clinics and trained local

medical staff in how to deal with large numbers of people wounded by bombs and airstrikes.

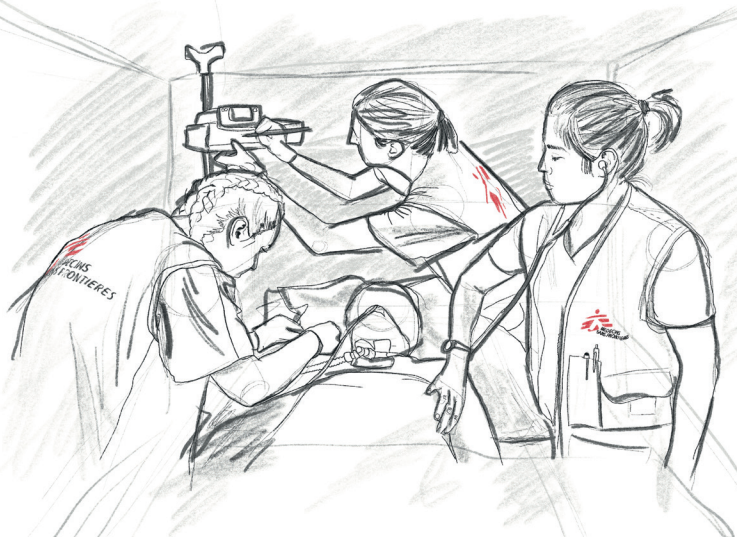
Our focus on training and mentoring local medical staff is a way of standing in solidarity with the people we work with and investing in their – and their country's – future. It's work that will continue to save lives long after the emergency is over and MSF has left.

At one point I helped set up an emergency room in a health centre high up in the mountains. This area experienced heavy bombing most days and clinic

staff were treating 40 to 50 patients every week.

One morning a six-year-old boy was brought in with shrapnel embedded in one of his eyes. He was covered in blood but was being so brave.

Often, when you're in a place like Yemen, you lie awake at night listening to the bombing, wondering: 'Why am I here?' But then you see someone like that – you see all the people who are suffering and caught up in the conflict – and you realise that, if MSF wasn't there, many of them wouldn't get the medical care they need.





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While part of the E-team, I experienced first-hand the difficult decisions you need to make when launching a rapid response within hours of a disaster happening or a conflict breaking out. Sending teams, medical supplies and equipment to emergencies is expensive, and making sure they are ready to be deployed at a moment's notice requires large-scale financial support.

Right now, most of MSF's patients are people caught up

in conflict. At the same time, extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, while disease outbreaks can happen at any time. We never know what the next emergency will be.

Leaving a gift in your will is a way for you help ensure that this vital work can continue. Internationally, gifts in wills fund one-quarter of our lifesaving work. If you can, please support MSF in this special way.

Thank you for making our work possible.

Dr Natalie Roberts
Executive Director, MSF UK



“We will always be committed to providing care to those who need it. But that legacy is not ours alone.”

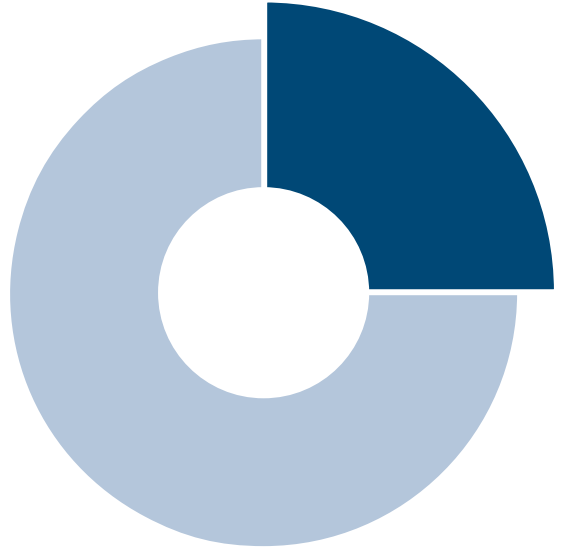
Dr Rachael Craven | MSF Anaesthetist and Trustee

Where our money comes from

In 2023

23%

of MSF UK's funding came from gifts in wills



Where your money goes

80%

on our medical operations



12%

on fundraising



8%

on support and overhead costs



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.

How to donate to MSF

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 details of our UK charity registration number and address below.

**MSF UK, Lower Ground Floor,
Chancery Exchange,
10 Furnival Street,
London EC4A 1AB.**

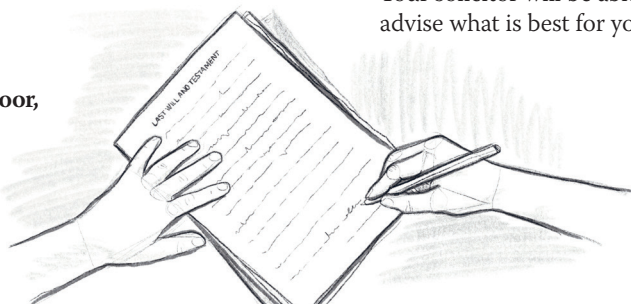
**Registered Charity No:
1026588**

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 residuary gift – a percentage of your estate after your loved ones have been considered and provided for. Residuary gifts have the advantage over a specific sum of money as inflation will not reduce their value over time.

If you have 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 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.



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 MSF.
- ✓ We will use your gift wisely and effectively.

For more information about remembering MSF with a gift in your will, please call **020 7404 6600** or email [**legacies@london.msf.org**](mailto:legacies@london.msf.org)