





In a year that saw war break out in Europe, continued devastation caused by COVID-19 and a constant drip of UK political integrity scandals, there has been one clear common denominator: corruption. The abuse of entrusted power for private gain, the traditional definition of corruption, is unmissable, and has a far-reaching impact on the daily lives of people both here in Britain and overseas.

Transparency International UK has made great strides in recent years, but when tackling an issue as complex and deep rooted as corruption, there are rarely quick fixes. Lasting change takes hard work, determination, and time. As an independent charity, our continued anti-corruption work relies on the generous backing from our donors.

With a gift to Transparency International UK in your will, your legacy can continue to make an impact. It will help us build on our work with governments, the private sector and civil society to address corruption across the globe. This guide will show you what your legacy could achieve not just in the UK, but worldwide for generations to come. A gift in your will, large or small, is a commitment from you to hold power to account, promoting integrity and stopping corruption.

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**Transparency International** is a global movement sharing one vision: a world in which government politics, business and the daily lives of people are free of corruption.

## **Transparency International UK** is the UK national chapter of this movement.

We work with the British government, parliamentarians, civil society and the private sector to tackle corruption at home, addressing the UK's global corruption footprint and helping multinational companies prevent corruption by operating with integrity.

We are also home to two major global programmes tackling corruption in the Defence and Security sector and Global Health on behalf of the wider Transparency International movement.

#### **Our Vision**

is a world in which government, business, civil society, and the daily lives of people are free from corruption.

#### **Our Mission**

is to stop corruption, promote integrity and, to that end, hold power to account for the common good.

# HOW DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

## How corrupt is Britain?

A steady stream of scandals raises questions for PM Boris Johnson.

FINANCIAL TIMES



ner spending boom powers

UK urged to suspend 'golden visas' after fast tracking of Russian millionaires

Call for independent review of MPs jobs as firms working with Government revealed to be paying politicians

property Corruption doesn't stop with Paterson



Pressure grows on UK to beef up measures to tackle economic crime

> Ukraine crisis: Corruption alert over Russians with £1.5bn of British

'Londongrad': UK's tough balancing act on Russian sanctions

turned consultants 06/04/21

COVID-19, lies and statistics: corruption and the pandemic

Passholder privilege: the MPs Britain becomes 'global hub for money laundering' as property worth £1.5billion is bought by Russians with Kremlin links or facing corruption allegations, new figures reveal

US sounds alarm over Russian cash in London



**CORRUPTION AND THE UK** 

Recent political and lobbying scandals have highlighted the issue of corruption in the UK and the urgent need to address it. These slipping standards and weakening checks on power threaten the health of our democracy. They expose our nation to decisions that threaten our security, our economic wellbeing, and our ability to act as a force for good on the global stage

While this is not a legal definition, it serves to capture a wide range of unethical behaviour in the public, private and other sectors that is harmful to society. Discussion in the UK about the problem of corruption often tends to assume, that it is a problem that exists in other countries, but not the UK Yet. It is widely recognised that the UK has become a global hub for dirty money stolen by kleptocrats from around the world who use professional services to launder and invest in UK property.

Corruption inevitably leaves a trail of victims, sometimes from the most marginalised and vulnerable groups. We want to ensure that the UK is a force for good in the world. Stopping corruption and promoting integrity, are at the forefront of our campaigns to end the UK's role as a global hub for dirty money, to increase integrity in politics and public life and to protect the public purse.

Together we can tackle inequality and protect our democracy for the future generation.





#### **GLOBAL HEALTH**

Corruption affects every aspect of health systems around the world. Life-saving resources are siphoned off, clinical data for new medicines and health technology is not transparent, and procurement of supplies is vulnerable to bribery and influence.

Corruption is a public health emergency causing inefficiencies and inequities which adversely affect health outcomes. Not only can the deaths of more than 140,000 under-fives annually be indirectly attributed to corruption, but of the US\$8.5 trillion spent on health services globally each year, around seven per cent is lost to fraud and corruption. This translates to nearly US\$600 billion annually – more than enough to close the \$370 billion financing gap, cited in the Lancet, and achieve universal health coverage by 2030, a key United Nations commitment.

Corruption also limits countries' capacities to manage national and global health risks. At a time when the world is still facing COVID-19, we cannot afford essential financial and human resources going to waste because of corruption.

We promote transparency, integrity, and accountability within the health sector.

Our ambition is to help countries achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3) & Universal Health Coverage by 2030. With strong health systems free of corruption, governments have a better chance of delivering on the commitment 'to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all'. Only by stopping corruption can we deliver on SDG 3 and ensure this health for all future generations globally.





**DEFENCE AND SECURITY** 

Transparency International Defence & Security is part of the global TI movement, dedicated to tackling corruption and strengthening transparency and accountability in the defence and security sector worldwide.

Corruption in the defence and security sector is particularly dangerous. Armed forces are the first line of defence in protecting peace and stability, but militaries plagued with corruption can exacerbate conflict and instability, undermining efforts to provide security, and can consume disproportionate levels of public funding.

Corruption in the global arms trade wastes vast sums of public money and can also result in the transfer of military equipment to malicious actors in fragile environments. Yet, the defence sector remains characteristically secretive, lacking in transparency and exempt from most international and national anti-corruption mechanisms.

Help to break the vicious cycle between corruption, instability and conflict which is doing untold damage worldwide.

# ONCE YOU'VE PROVIDED FOR YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES, CONSIDER LEAVING A GIFT TO TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL UK IN YOUR WILL — BENEFITING GENERATIONS TO COME

## MAKE A WILL, LEAVE A LEGACY

It's easier than you think. A will is a powerful document that will ensure your savings and possessions go to the people and causes you care about. Once you've made your will, you can relax and get on with life — knowing that your wishes will be carried out. And if you do want to consider leaving a gift to TI-UK in your will, no matter how small, it will mean your values live on and you'll continue to change lives long into the future.

### YOUR QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

## WHAT TYPE OF GIFT CAN I LEAVE IN MY WILL?

You have options, there are three types. A pecuniary legacy is a fixed amount of money. A specific legacy is a gift of a specific item, like personal possessions, land or shares. And a residuary legacy is a percentage or share of the balance of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made. Some prefer to give a residuary gift because it keeps in line with inflation and does not lose value over time. You can also let us know if there is a particular area of work you would like your gift to go towards.

## WILL MY GIFT ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL UK?

Yes, every gift has an impact. We recognise that the work we do often does not equal immediate results. There is no silver bullet in the fight against corruption. We are in it for the long run. Your gift will continue to have an impact on changes made in legislation and policy many years down the line.

## DO I NEED A SOLICITOR TO WRITE OR AMEND MY WILL?

We recommend you consult a solicitor to make sure that all the legal formalities are covered and that your will is valid. The cost of the solicitor will vary depending on how complex your will is. You can also choose to write a will in November, which is Will Aid month, using a solicitor who is participating. Instead of paying a fee, you will be asked to make a donation to charity.

Despite the big strides forward we have taken in our fight against corruption, world events have underscored how much more needs to be done. Your gift can enable us to push further. We hope you will continue to work with us on our journey to create a world free from corruption.

If you would like more information on how to leave a gift to us in your will please see

☑ Making a Will – Remember A Charity, and please contact us at
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## THANK YOU



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