



Amigos

TRAIN • WORK • THRIVE



Leave your mark on the world

MAKE A LASTING STAND AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE BY REMEMBERING AMIGOS IN YOUR WILL

Our vision

For people and communities across Uganda to be whole and thriving.

Our mission

Together with our local partner, we create lasting solutions to poverty and hunger, helping people move from dependency to dignity.

Our practice

Amigos supports Ugandans to work their way out of poverty by providing them with the skills and tools to thrive. Our integrated approach spans across communities; providing access to education, vocational training, life-skills, and clean water enabling rural communities to achieve remarkable and sustainable change.

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However large or small, every gift, in every will, makes a big difference to our mission of bringing self-sustainability, dignity and hope to the most vulnerable Ugandans.

Across several programmes, including vocational training, education, holistic life-skills and a flourishing child sponsorship scheme, Amigos is bringing the opportunity of a new beginning and secure future to countless disadvantaged children, teenagers, and adults.

Uganda has experienced more than two decades of brutal conflict. Many of the people we work with, young and old, were abducted and forced to fight with the rebel Lord's Resistance Army. Some have experienced many years living in camps for internally displaced people, all have experienced extreme poverty and have harrowing stories of hardship, pain and loss.



Kira Farm Development Centre

We are committed to ensuring each Kira Farm trainee acquires the skills required to be financially free. Young people are given the opportunity to learn from our expanding vocational skills department, including courses in conservation agriculture, carpentry, tailoring, hairdressing, bike mechanics, building and basic IT skills.

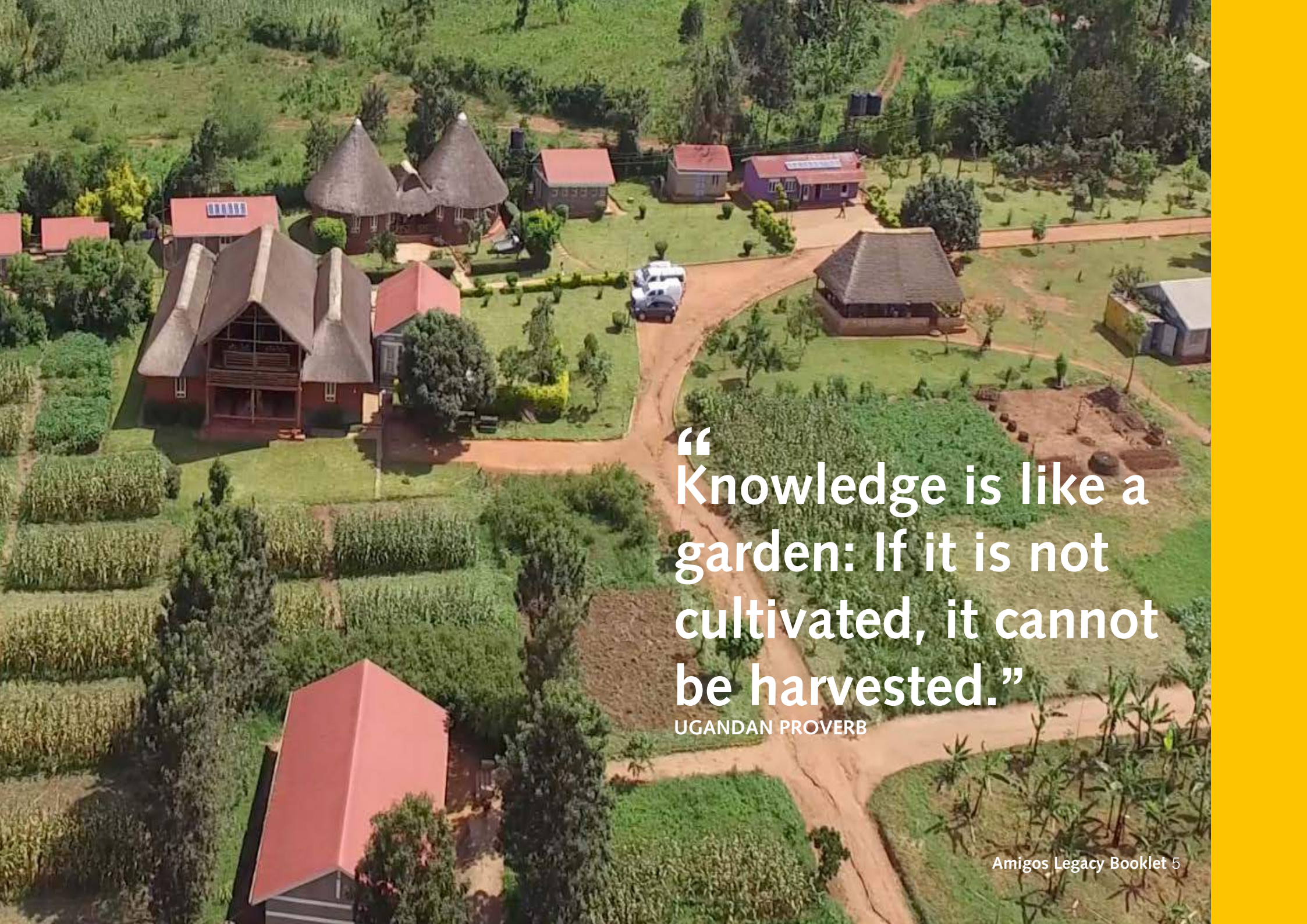
The vision is that by partnering Christian discipleship with vocational skills, trainees can return to their villages equipped practically and healed emotionally to become the next generation of mothers and fathers, offering leadership in the development of their communities.



Sustainable Community Development

Our Sustainable Community Development programme is a 3-year agricultural course that trains over 1000 farmers annually, enabling them to feed their families, pay school fees, address domestic abuse, access medical care, and all-important clean water.

We are convinced that through these community-led programmes, and ultimately, the transformation of hearts, lives will truly be changed, and a sustainable reduction in poverty will be seen across Uganda and beyond.



“
Knowledge is like a
garden: If it is not
cultivated, it cannot
be harvested.”

UGANDAN PROVERB

Why are legacies so important to us?

Like all charities, we depend on legacy gifts to provide essential funding for our vital overseas work. If you would be interested in making a lasting difference to the lives of disadvantaged Ugandans, you may like to think about leaving a gift to Amigos in your will.

Winnie's story

Growing up, my family life was extremely difficult. I lived with my father and stepmother. She disliked me from the moment she set eyes on me. She did everything to blame me for anything that went wrong and made every effort to damage my relationship with my father.

I was also forced to do more than my share of household chores and was so scared of doing things wrong that I was often too exhausted for school. On top of that every month I faced the challenge of a lack of sanitary towels, so I stayed home from school to avoid the shame. And eventually I gave up! In all this I kept my pain inside as it seemed less trouble for me if I remained quiet.

But then I was selected as a trainee for Kira Farm Development Centre. For the first time, people were interested in me and paid attention to what I said and did.

By the time I left Kira Farm my self-esteem had blossomed and I finally knew that I was a woman of worth and value.

Now I am back home and have the confidence to face my challenges. I have a tailoring business and make reusable sanitary pads to help young girls. I am also looking forward to beginning hairdressing to help other young women to express their beauty and boost their confidence. I am happy to be a part of transforming lives.



**“
The love I received on Kira was
phenomenal and I soon came to realise
that I was not alone in the trials and
pain I had endured.”**

WINNIE BABI

“
I have already seen a tremendous increase in
my crop yield with just one year of Amigos
training. I feel like my family is not just
walking, but running, out of poverty.”

JACKSON OKELLO



Supporting Amigos' work with a legacy

The two main types of gifts are pecuniary and residuary.

A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount of money, whereas a residuary gift is a share of the value of your estate after payment of legacies to other people.

A residuary gift is one of the easiest and most effective ways to make your gift, especially if the ultimate value of your estate is difficult to determine, or if you are worried about future costs such as nursing or residential care. The advantage of a residuary gift is that the amount can go down as well as up, if nursing or residential care reduces the overall value of your final estate. That way, you can avoid an undue proportion of the estate coming to us at the expense of your family and friends.

A Letter Of Wishes

A letter of wishes is an informal letter addressed to your executors which provides a way of giving additional guidance to them and can allow your will to be more flexible.

For instance, if you have left a residuary bequest in your will to Amigos, you could indicate your preferred causes or projects in a letter of wishes, which is stored alongside your will. This means that we can choose the closest possible match when your executors pass on your gift to us.

You can write a new letter of wishes whenever you like, but it's always best to make sure that all new wills, codicils or letters of wishes are clearly dated, making it obvious that all earlier ones are revoked to avoid any confusion.

Choosing a solicitor

We strongly recommend that you consult a solicitor. A will is a legal document, and it must comply with strict legal rules.

A solicitor will be aware of the pitfalls and will help you to make sure that your will is legally sound. You will find solicitors online, through the Citizens' Advice Bureau or your local library.

Inheritance Tax

Gifts to charities in Britain are exempt from inheritance tax.

In Memory

We will plant an indigenous African tree at Kira Farm Development Centre with a personalised plaque.

Suggested wording for bequests and codicils

A Bequest To Amigos Worldwide For General Funds

'I give, free of taxes, as a charitable bequest, [a specific sum] to Amigos Worldwide, 3 Boutport Street, Mermaid Walk, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 1RH. Registered Charity Number 1119450, for Amigos Worldwide, with the wish, but without creating a binding obligation, that it be used as to both capital and income for the work of [name of project, or kind of work]. I direct that the receipt of the Finance Secretary for the time being, or other duly authorised officer, shall be a full discharge to my executors.'

A Bequest To Amigos Worldwide For A Specific Area Of Work

"I give, free of taxes, as a charitable bequest, [a specific sum], to Amigos Worldwide, 3 Boutport Swvtreet, Mermaid Walk, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 1RH Registered Charity Number 1119450, to be used as to both capital and income for the general purposes of Amigos Worldwide. I direct that the receipt of the Finance Secretary for the time being, or other duly authorised officer, shall be a full discharge to my executors." (Alternately ask your solicitor to include a gift to Amigos as part of your residuary estate).

A young boy with a joyful expression, his hands clasped in front of him, stands in the foreground. He is wearing a dark shirt with horizontal stripes. Behind him, a wooden structure made of branches is visible, and other people are blurred in the background. The scene is set outdoors, likely in a rural or developing area. A bright yellow vertical bar is on the right side of the image.

“
My family used to live by begging but
now we are suppliers and our mother has
taught us to have a good heart and share.
My mother can now keep us in school and
provide us with all we need. Thank you.”

DAPHNE AWIDI

Some key questions answered

Do I have to use a solicitor?

No, but we strongly advise that you do. Although it is possible to draft a will or codicil on your own, or with assistance from a will-writing kit or even online, a will or codicil is a legal document, and a solicitor will help you make sure that it meets all the requirements of the law or codicil.

Can somebody who benefits from my will also be an executor?

Yes. There is no rule against appointing somebody as an executor to carry out your wishes, and also leaving a gift to them in your will.

What if I want to add to, or amend my will?

You can do this by writing a codicil. This is a formal document, signed and witnessed like a will, which details the changes from the original will.

Do I have to tell Amigos about my legacy?

No, although we would like you to. We recognise that a gift in your will is often the biggest you'll ever make, and we'd like to be able to thank you, and to keep in touch with occasional updates about our work, as you wish. There's no obligation to give us any details about your legacy, nor to tell us if you change your mind.



**“
The path to your heart’s desire is
never overgrown.”**

UGANDAN PROVERB



Around 30,000
lives reached each year!





“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality exist in our world, none of us can truly rest.”

NELSON MANDELA



Appreciation to Angelli Greenslade (designer) and
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