



## **WHAT IS GIFT AID?**

*Gift Aid gives you an extra 25p for every £1 you donate*

Gift Aid is an income tax relief designed to benefit charities. If you're a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid increases the value of your charity donations by 25%, because the charity can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift – at no extra cost to you.

## **HOW DOES GIFT AID WORK?**

*The process is really simple*

All you need to do is fill out a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) form. This is a statement from you to the charity confirming that you want to donate through Gift Aid and receive tax back on your donation. Charities don't pay tax on most types of income, which is why the tax paid on financial gifts can be claimed back.

Your donations won't qualify for Gift Aid if they're more than four times what you've paid in tax that tax year. If you stop paying enough tax at any point, you must tell the charity you're donating to.

## **IS MY DONATION ELIGIBLE FOR GIFT AID?**

For a charity to claim Gift Aid on your donation, you must have paid UK Income or Capital Gains Tax that financial year. The tax you pay must be equivalent to the amount of Gift Aid the charity will reclaim on your donation that tax year (and will be claimed by other charities and CASCs). VAT and Council Tax don't meet these criteria.

From April 2016 the income tax personal allowance has increased to £11,000 for individuals born after 5 April 1948. If your income is below £11,000, you won't be able to claim Gift Aid on eligible donations.

It's worth noting that you can't claim Gift Aid on donations on behalf of someone else or a company.



## GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM (GAD)

If you are a UK taxpayer, it is possible to increase the value of your giving. Please complete this declaration and the Inland Revenue will allow us to reclaim the tax (already paid by you) on all your donations. This will increase the value of your donation by 25%. I want African Village Support to reclaim tax on all my donations. If my circumstances change then I realise that I should tell AVS if I do not pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax that at least equals the tax deducted from my donations. Please complete your name and address and sign the form only if you have donated through another method and still wish us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf.

Name	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Address line 3	
Address line 4	
Signature	
Date	

Send this completed form to:

AVS c/o Curzon Green Solicitors  
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High Wycombe  
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