

# Commitment for Life

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## Autumn Update Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

### Access for all...

The need for safe space is felt by communities across the world. After having endured an air, sea and land blockade for more than 15 years it's no surprise that according to a UN report the residents of Khan Younis in Gaza have the greatest proportion of people in need of support.

Christian Aid and our partner organisation, the Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA), worked with the community in Khan Younis to determine the greatest need within the community.

Their feedback resulted in the creation of the al-Yabani neighbourhood' safe space, a green safe space for women, children, the elderly and the general public.

Work included landscaping, installing water and sanitation facilities, and making the centre accessible for wheelchair users.

Since its creation, the space has served community activities such as sports, educational activities, community resilience committee meetings, psychological and emotional support groups, children's camps, and community



celebration events. An estimated 4500 people have made use of the space after its development including boys, girls, women, and men including persons with disabilities.

One 6 year old girl with a

physical disability said, "I am happy to be able to use the place without help from others. I can be on my wheelchair and move everywhere in the space"

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### Prayer

#### O God of all justice and peace

We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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