

### Rebuilding

For over 15 months, we have witnessed human rights violations and the displacement of countless individuals from what they once knew as their homes. The wounds are not only physical but also emotional, with lasting generational effects.

This has been especially traumatic for children and young people as they process the reality of relocation for their own safety alongside their families.

CFTA, a Christian Aid partner, has been working with these children who now find their homes in refugee camps to support both their psychosocial and physical needs. Using art therapy, they help children process their reality as they preserve their culture by reflecting on and recreating historical buildings through art. This has provided a meaningful way for them to connect with the places and experiences they knew and loved.

William Bell, Christian Aid's heads of Middle East work described it as:

*"Not only are the children able to put the devastating war to the back of their minds for a moment and just be children again, but their artwork also consolidates the cultural identity of Gaza and keeps it—and their hopes—alive."*

Though we breathe a sigh of relief at the ceasefire, we recognize that the root causes of this war remain an ongoing struggle. We continue to support many partners and communities as they navigate their new reality, where their homes and towns are no longer what they once were.

Amal Syam, Director of Women Affairs Centre, a Christian Aid partner, shared: *"It brings a mix of joy and sorrow. On one hand, it allows us to reunite with family, loved ones, and friends. On the other, it forces us to confront the*



*Amal\*, 11, beams as she displays her artwork of Qasr al-Basha during a children's workshop in Rafah, Gaza, designed to keep Palestinian cultural heritage alive despite the war. [Christian Aid/CFTA]*

*painful absence of those we have lost, and the haunting reality of people still trapped beneath the rubble."*

**Thank you for your continued support and prayer which is making a difference in the lives of those most in need.**

#### Prayer points,

- Pray for all those now able to make the journey back to their home for strength and courage and resources to rebuild.
- Pray for our partners and their families who are equally facing the same challenges as those they are supporting.
- Pray for God's comfort for all those who have lost homes and loved ones.