

A Child's Smile



Phase (2)- Week (1)

Thanks to the new partnership between Nafs for Empowerment and Juzoor, the "A Child's Smile" team has continued its activities of recreation and psychological support for the children in UN shelters in Rafah city- Tal As Sultan and Al-Bald.





Through the 1st week, from 17th to 22nd November, our activities targeted about 2000 female and male children from different ages in Rafah's sheltering centers; approximately 400 children (for 5 work days).



Our team has worked in new sheltering centers such as "Uqba Ibn Nafi", a governmental school, as well as they rotated on the UN shelters of both Tal As Sultan and Al-Bald. Among these shelters was "Makkah" school where no any activity for children has been able to be done since its open as a shelter in Tal As Sultan because of the wastewater problem. Accordingly, the school administration strongly welcomed and cooperated with them, as well as its children and their parents expressed their great happiness with the activities





Some of the activities were held in cooperation between our team members and the UN staff working in the psychological field. And as usual, the team has paid attention to the inclusion of all children irrespective to their gender, age, physical and mental abilities in their activities, which ascertains on respect, inclusion and the right to play for every child.





Though the variety of the recreational activities carried out by the team members, they eventually focus on the same aim, which is to mitigate the psychological stress, fear and sorrow that have left by the furious Israeli war on the Gaza Strip.





By the end of the 1st week, the team has planned and coordinated for new activities in the next week targeting the adult women and men. And in light of the warm welcome of the children for the teams' activities and their eager waiting for the next visits, Mais, a female child with a physical disability, kindly remarked: "I'm very happy to see you again, I was afraid that you won't come back, but you've carried on your promise, thank you...".

