



## **Christian Aid News – Aid cuts and Hope**

By Pete Moorey

Last month the UK government cut the Aid budget – a decision that, along with the decimation of US aid, is having a devastating impact on the world's poorest countries. From people in refugee camps whose food parcels will shrink to children awaiting life-saving vaccines. The support of churches for Christian Aid is now more important than ever as we are uniquely placed to work through local partners to make a difference. We witnessed this in a recent story from a partner in Gaza. They formed a group called 'Let's Create a Life' to give children respite from the trauma of war. Support from churches allowed this group to provide fun learning activities for displaced children. Abdullah from Let's Create a Life told Christian Aid: "In the children's ward of a hospital, there was a child who



wouldn't engage with the doctors and was always depressed. I came dressed as a clown doctor, and we started playing and laughing with the kids. The doctors said it was the first time they'd seen that child laugh. That's what life is about. In 'Let's Create a Life,' we can shape the lives we want, despite the pain and wounds, the losses we've experienced." To continue to support Christian Aid's work in conflict zones across the world, go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

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Abdullah, 26, Mossab (rabbit), and Mazen, 18, are children's entertainers in Gaza. Here they perform as clowns at a school fun day. The school is currently used to shelter families displaced from Gaza city. Mossab also lives inside the school. All of the performers are displaced.