



CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES

NUR*, 11, takes part in activities at Save the Children's child-friendly space, in a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh.

When children leave their homes because of conflict, many have to make the long journey to settle in camps. When they get there, Save the Children makes sure they have a safe place to play, learn and simply be children.

WHAT HAPPENS THERE?

Trained adults make sure child-friendly spaces are welcoming, calm and safe for children. Each day, they organise activities that are planned but also fun, and help to make it feel like normal life for children who have been through a difficult time.

Here are some examples of what happens at a child-friendly space:

- **Lessons and activities** about children's rights – including their right to play, to learn, and to be protected from harm.
- **Creative activities** to help children express their thoughts and feelings.
- **Games and play sessions** where children can make new friends.
- **One-to-one help and support** for children who have had distressing experiences.



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Girls playing football at the child-friendly space in Za'atari refugee camp.



Photo: Ahmed Bayram / Save the Children

Children enjoy creative activities in one of Save the Children's child-friendly spaces in Lebanon.



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