

OPERATION SMILE: GLOBAL NEED & IMPACT



BILLIONS

of people lack access to any surgical care

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lack access to safe and well-timed surgery

ONLY 6.3%

of an estimated 312.9 million surgical procedures performed each year go to the poorest third of the global population

Our patients experience significant financial, geographic and cultural barriers to accessing care. In many resource-poor environments, there is a dire shortage of surgical equipment and care providers.



Marceline, before surgery

EVERY 3 MINUTES,

a child is born with a cleft lip or cleft palate and may suffer from

HUNGER AND THIRST

DIFFICULTY WITH SPEECH

SOCIAL STIGMA

Eleven-year-old Marceline is a bright girl with beautiful eyes. But to others in her village, she was an outcast and cursed because she was born with a cleft lip that left her nose, mouth and teeth disfigured.

WHAT IF THIS WAS YOUR CHILD? ►

**“OTHER KIDS ARE
TELLING ME NOW THAT
I LOOK BEAUTIFUL.”**

Marceline,
after surgery

OPERATION SMILE'S VISION:

We believe all children deserve to be treated as if they were our own. That's what drives everything we do.

**We dream of a world where
no child suffers from lack of
access to safe surgery.**



Operation Smile is an international medical charity, which has provided hundreds of thousands of free surgeries for children and young adults in developing countries who are born with cleft lip, cleft palate or other facial deformities. It is one of the oldest and largest volunteer-based organizations dedicated to improving the health and lives of children worldwide through access to surgical care. Since 1982, Operation Smile has developed expertise in mobilizing volunteer medical teams to conduct surgical missions in resource-poor environments while adhering to the highest standards of care and safety. Operation Smile helps to fill the gap in providing access to safe, well-timed surgeries by partnering with hospitals, governments and ministries of health, training local medical personnel, and donating much-needed supplies and equipment to surgical sites around the world. Founded and based in Virginia, U.S., Operation Smile has extended its global reach to more than 60 countries through its network of credentialed surgeons, pediatricians, doctors, nurses, and student volunteers.

OPERATION SMILE'S IMPACT IN 2015:

We provided more than **15,000** surgeries to patients worldwide.

Our medical volunteers conducted **161** medical missions across **112** sites in **29** countries.

Medical volunteers representing **63** countries donated **364,932** hours. The estimated value of that time is **\$28 million USD**. The heart, time and talent they give is immeasurable.

73% of medical professionals who volunteered with Operation Smile come from low- and middle-income countries.

With the help of generous corporate partners, Operation Smile packed and shipped **464** pallets of cargo, weighing more than **65** tons and worth more than **\$7.7 million USD** in support of all of our medical programs around the world.