



## SMILES WITHOUT CLEFT LIP AND/OR CLEFT PALATE

ROTARY CLUB : SANTA FÉ DE BOGOTÁ  
CITY: BOGOTÁ D.C.

### INTRODUCTION AND VISION:

Supporting the surgical and nutritional process of children and adults who, due to their cleft lip and palate, cannot live normally in the community. Surgeries and the nutritional process provide a link (treatment) in the chain of the complete program that includes different stages in health care, ranging from health promotion, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation of the disease and social inclusion.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

This project will be carried out in the geographical areas of Bogotá D.C., Cundinamarca, Cesar, Córdoba, Arauca, Atlántico and Boyacá among others and is based on the development of 3 components: Surgical Component: Process by which the physiological and functional part of the oral cavity of the child or adult (cleft lip or cleft palate) is restored, which corresponds to the treatment phase, a phase that is immersed in the stages of health care (health promotion, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation of the disease). The surgical process also improves the appearance of the face of the child or adult, improves breathing, hearing and the development of speech and language. Nutritional Component: Process by which it is sought to restore nutritional parameters in children who, due to their condition of cleft lip and/or cleft palate, suffer from malnutrition that prevents them from undergoing surgery. Knowledge Transfer Component: Process that offers the possibility to health professionals to be educated and trained in the certified volunteer program of the Operation Smile Foundation in order to have a greater supply of health professionals in all territories of the country.

### PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT NEEDS YOU IDENTIFIED? HOW WILL THE PROJECT MEET THESE NEEDS? WHO WILL BENEFICIARY OF THIS PROJECT? MENTION AN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES. (15 lines maximum).

The main need is focused on providing surgical care (treatment) to children and adults with cleft lip and/or cleft palate who do not have access to and continuity in the stages of health care through the benefit plan management companies (EAPB). Related to the above is the need to reestablish nutritional parameters in children who, due to their described condition, suffer from malnutrition that prevents them from undergoing surgery. Likewise, the need to educate and train health professionals as volunteers for treatment programs for people with this condition is identified in order to have a greater offer of services in hard-to-reach areas.

**Estimated number of direct beneficiaries:** 200 children, 10 adults. Distributed as follows:  
**Surgical Process:** 150 children, 10 adults.  
**Nutritional Process:** 50 children. Knowledge  
**Transfer Process:** 50 health professionals.

**Estimated number of indirect beneficiaries:** 210 families, 50 health service provider institutions (IPS) and/or independent professional services.

### SUSTAINABILITY: (explain how the project will continue to operate once the financial support you receive for this project ends).

This project is sustainable over time since its impact is that it changes not only the lives of children or adults with cleft lip and palate, but also thanks to the involvement of other actors such as the Operation Smile Colombia Foundation, operator of the program, the Operation Smile International Foundation, which sponsors health services in all components of health care, and the participation of Rotary clubs in the districts of Colombia and internationally, which ensure its continuity year after year. The aim is to transfer knowledge to health professionals by educating and training them as volunteers for these institutions, allowing us to reach more beneficiaries, especially in hard-to-reach areas.

### IS THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED? DESCRIBE THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTINUITY.

The community in this project is made up of families who have children and adults with this pathology and who are essential to achieving the care phases of rehabilitation and social inclusion of children based on their treatment.

### TRM DOLLAR ROTARY:

| CONCEPT                  | VALUE IN PESOS | VALUE IN DOLLARS |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cost of the project      | COP\$          | US\$150.000      |
| Local Club               | COP\$          | US\$1.147        |
| District 4281            | COP\$          | US\$1.853        |
| International Club/s     | COP\$          | US\$             |
| International District/s | COP\$          | US\$             |
| The Rotary Foundation    | COP\$          | US\$             |
| PENDING FINANCING        | COP\$          | US\$             |

\*ONLY THE VALUES THAT ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO THE PROJECT ARE INCLUDED (If you do not yet have contribution commitments, these values are in ZERO)

\*\*PENDING TO BE FINANCED = Project Value - Contributions committed to date

Financing through Global Grant, sponsor club, club resources and resources from the Designated District Fund of clubs that so wish.

**Thanks to your support, our club will help the community by solving its most important needs. We appreciate the analysis of this project. For more information, contact:**

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