



Prior to surgery



A day after surgery



A year post-surgery

“Help a Child Smile!!!”

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Dear Sir/Madame:

Smile Bangladesh is a medical 501c3 nonprofit organization located in Mountainside, New Jersey. Our primary mission is to provide free surgical care to the children of Bangladesh who suffer from cleft lip and palate deformities. In a country of 160 Million, there are an estimated 300,000 children with unrepaired cleft lips, and only thirty surgeons in Bangladesh to care for these children (a ratio of 1 surgeon to 10,000 patients). If left untreated, these congenital birth defects can lead to a lifetime of health problems including difficulty eating, poor weight gain, speech impairment, and infections. Additionally, these children and their mothers are ostracized by Bengali society and remain outcasts, unable to receive an education or employment. The medical missions provided by Smile Bangladesh provide children with cleft lip and palate deformities the opportunity to have a normal and healthy life.

Since 2006, Smile Bangladesh has treated over 1300 children with cleft deformities in rural Bangladesh. We run 2 missions per year; each mission costs about \$35,000; as such Smile Bangladesh must raise \$70,000 annually. Financial support of any amount is essential to continue providing necessary surgery for these impoverished children. Every penny raised goes directly towards meeting the costs of each mission and all donations are tax-deductible. There are no administrative costs as Smile Bangladesh is run entirely by volunteers. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely yours,

Shahid R. Aziz, MD, DMD, FACS
President, Smile Bangladesh



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