

Operation Smile

*In partnership with ANZA
Donor Report
Bacolod & Cavite Missions,
2018*

YEAR-TO-DATE: *August 2018*

Since January 2018, Operation Smile Philippines has conducted 6 surgical missions, treating a total of 452 patients.

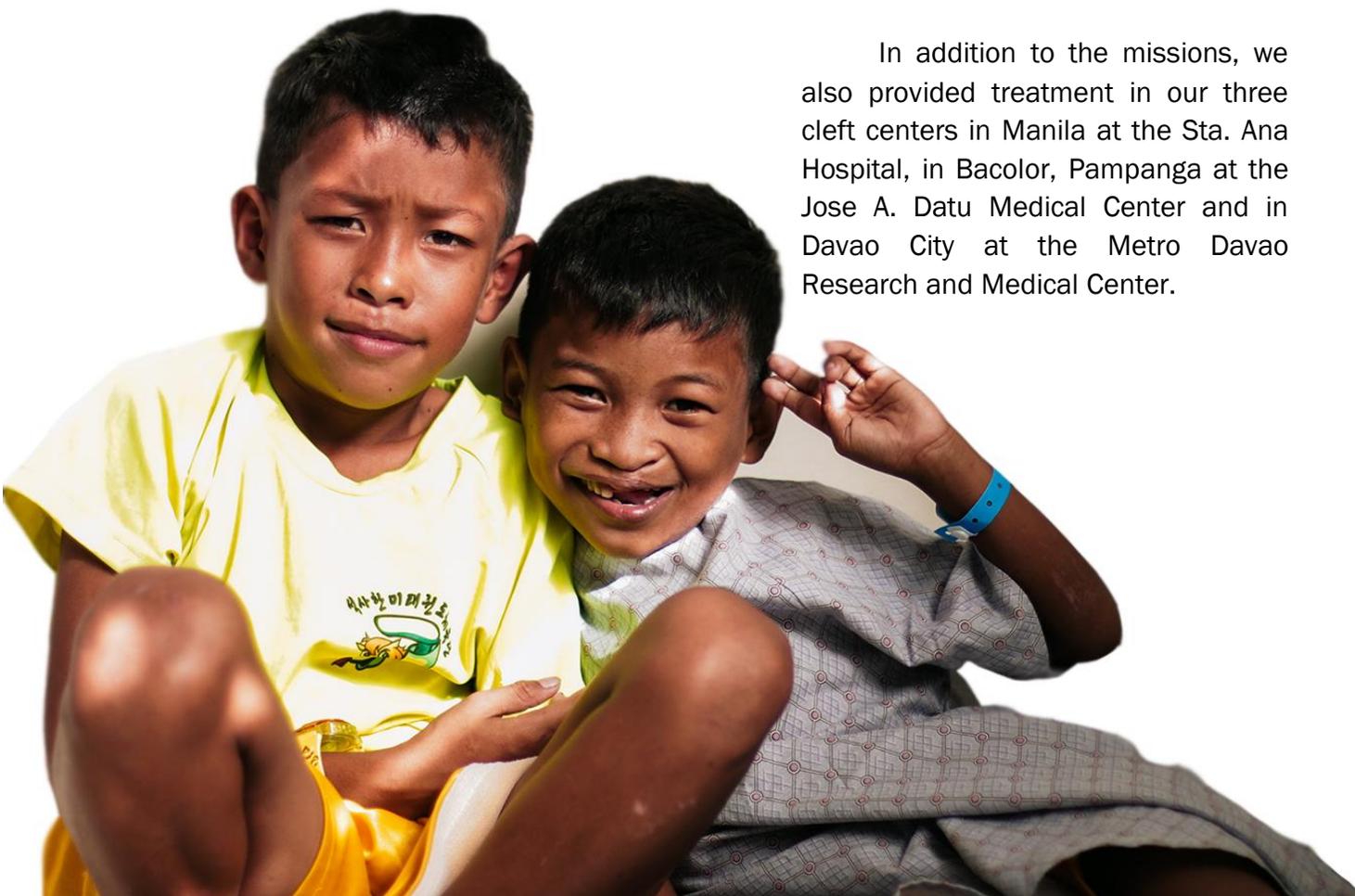
Over the last 36 years, Operation Smile has developed a comprehensive model for patient care and safety to ensure safe and highly effective surgical care is given to each and every patient. Beyond providing surgery, we also conduct medical consultations and evaluations through our screening process, which gives access to multidisciplinary specialties of surgery, anaesthesia, paediatrics, dentistry, speech therapy and nursing.

As of August 2018, we have screened 748 cleft patients and operated on 452 of them across three international missions, three local missions and in our three cleft care centers.

We conducted the international missions in three sites nationwide: Cebu City, Cebu; Bacolod, Negros Occidental; Dasmariñas, Cavite. Our three local missions took place in Laginayen, Pangasinan; Davao City, Davao; Aborlan, Palawan.

A total of 255 volunteer cleft care professionals took part in those 6 missions. They came from more than 10 countries, including: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, USA, Venezuela, and the Philippines.

In addition to the missions, we also provided treatment in our three cleft centers in Manila at the Sta. Ana Hospital, in Bacolor, Pampanga at the Jose A. Datu Medical Center and in Davao City at the Metro Davao Research and Medical Center.





ANZA-Sponsored Patients

We applied the funds raised by ANZA totalling 2,698,200 PHP, to two international missions: Bacolod, Negros Occidental held from May 17-25; Dasmariñas, Cavite held from June 8-16. A total of 189 patients received surgery as a direct result of ANZA's fundraising efforts.

We are most grateful for ANZA's support of these two international missions, which allowed us to treat so many patients living with cleft.

Bacolod, May 17-25

A total of 191 patients were screened by our multidisciplinary team. 104 patients received surgery.

Cavite, June 8-16

A total of 120 patients were screened by our multidisciplinary team. 85 patients received surgery.

In both mission sites, the patients who were not treated were either too young to receive surgery, or had health or medical conditions that increased the risk of surgery. Given our emphasis on patient safety, we deferred their operation to the next mission or to our cleft centers where they have ongoing access to safe surgical care.

International missions are a key component of our strategy for addressing the backlog of cleft cases, as we are able to perform a high volume of cleft surgeries.

Given the limited number of Filipino volunteers, we are tapping our global pool of 5,400 trained cleft care professionals from 80 countries to augment our local cleft care capability.

There were more males (106) than females (83), among the patients in the ANZA-sponsored mega mission. More than half of the patients who qualified for surgery underwent cleft lip repair (96) while over one third had cleft palate surgery (74).



What is interesting about the demographics of these two international missions is that more than half of the patients who came to the sites were of pre-school age or younger. This young patient demographic could be an indicator that Operation Smile's efforts to eliminating the backlog of untreated cleft cases is proving successful.

We know that the ideal age for treatment of cleft is one-year old or younger for two reasons:

- Children younger than one year have not started speaking yet, so they do not have to unlearn speech patterns post treatment. They are likely to develop normal speech later on without need of speech therapy.
- Early treatment will spare them from the trauma of bullying and rejection, which cleft children are subjected to constantly.

The results for the ANZA-sponsored international missions mirrored those of other international missions in recent years. We are hopeful that the statistics would indicate progress in eliminating the backlog of cleft cases, and working toward a cleft free Philippines.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Thanks to the great contribution and generosity of ANZA, our commitment to the cause of safe surgery and multidisciplinary care has been as strong as ever in 2018. Without our partners working behind the scenes to raise funds and spread our advocacy, we could not do what we do to transform the lives of children with cleft.

On June 10th, 2018 Operation Smile teamed with ANZA volunteers to conduct screening at Pagmutan ng Dasmariñas, our partner hospital for the Cavite mission. During screening day, the ANZA van arrived full to the brim with toy donations, and volunteers with open hearts and minds. The ANZA group jumped right in to the crowd, taking on any task before them.



Among the crowd on screening day in Cavite was Amira, a 5 month old girl from Cavite who had been waiting for this day. When Amira's parents learned that their child would be born with a cleft, they immediately sought help. They knew there were many challenges ahead for their unborn daughter... how would she manage eating as a newborn unable to latch or take a bottle? Would she have difficulty gaining weight and staying healthy? What would happen as she grows and faces trouble with speech development, social isolation and bullying? How much would it cost to get her the help she needs? Families living with cleft are confronted with these obstacles every day. Fear of the future and the unknown makes it difficult to stay hopeful. Luckily for Amira, her parents found Operation Smile.

When Amira arrived with her father on screening day, she stole the hearts of our entire team. Her giggles and smiles were infectious, and by the end of the day, she had been cleared for surgery, and had a lot of new friends! Amira continued to win us over during her stay at Pagmutan ng Dasmariñas. She smiled all the way into the operating room, and all through her recovery. Thanks to our team and the incredible outreach of ANZA members, Amira's life has been transformed!

THANK YOU ANZA, FOR CHANGING THE LIVES OF SO MANY CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES!

We are confident that with the continued support of our partners in civil society and the business community, we can eliminate the backlog of cleft cases in the Philippines and focus on the early treatment of new cases in the country. At Operation Smile, we believe that no child should suffer from lack of access to safe, well timed and effective surgery. It is our mission and our pledge to continue to fight for this cause, and we will not stop until we heal every child.

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ANZA INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATISTICS

**Bacolod, Negros Occidental
May 17-25, 2018**

PATIENT STATISTICS			
# Planned Patients:	120		
# Patients Screened:	191		
# Patients Surgically Treated:	104	# Males Surgically Treated:	61
		# Females Surgically Treated:	43
		Total Male & Female Surgically Treated	104
Ages Screened		Ages Operated	
0 Months – 2	1	0 Months – 2	0
3 Months – 11 Months :	42	3 Months – 11 Months :	26
1 Year:	33	1 Year:	17
2 – 4 Years:	42	2 – 4 Years:	28
5 – 12 Years:	36	5 – 12 Years:	19
13 – 18 Years:	18	13 – 18 Years:	7
19 – 25 Years:	12	19 – 25 Years:	7
26+ Years:	7	26+ Years:	0
Total Screened by Age	191	Total Operated by Age	104



ANZA INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATISTICS

Dasmariñas, Cavite

June 8-16, 2018

PATIENT STATISTICS			
# Planned Patients:	120		
# Patients Screened:	120		
# Patients Surgically Treated:	85	# Males Surgically Treated:	45
		# Females Surgically Treated:	40
		Total Male & Female Surgically Treated	85
<u>Ages Screened</u>		<u>Ages Operated</u>	
0 Months – 2	4	0 Months – 2	0
3 Months – 11 Months :	21	3 Months – 11 Months :	13
1 Year:	16	1 Year:	12
2 – 4 Years:	29	2 – 4 Years:	25
5 – 12 Years:	21	5 – 12 Years:	17
13 – 18 Years:	13	13 – 18 Years:	8
19 – 25 Years:	8	19 – 25 Years:	4
26+ Years:	8	26+ Years:	6
Total Screened by Age	120	Total Operated by Age	85



BEFORE AND AFTER, CAVITE 2018



