



Every face tells a story

Many young families in Bangladesh live on the poverty line and are just like Farzana's parents pictured left. They lead very simple village lives where everything revolves around the extended family group. When their daughter was born with a cleft lip and palate, they were devastated. They were very upset and distressed over her condition and knowing they could never afford to pay for the surgery their child needed, they worried about what sort of life she would have.

Babies born with this condition are often sickly and malnourished due to feeding problems. As they grow older, if

the cleft is not repaired, they suffer both physically and emotionally. Frequently both children and parents are ostracised by their communities and many family units break down due to the stress and peer pressure.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to help Farzana's family by providing the lip and palate repair that their precious daughter needed. Now, a few years later Farzana is unrecognisable. This beautiful, bright and bubbly little girl has barely a visible scar thanks to the exceptional skills of our surgical team.



The relief and joy that Operation Cleft has brought to this family is priceless.

How can you help

Give underprivileged children in Bangladesh a smile of their very own; one that they can keep forever and share generously with others.

- **Donations** may be made by completing the form on the back page or via our website using PayPal. If you prefer to use EFT (electronic funds transfer), email info@operationcleft.org.au for bank account details.
- Rotary, Rotaract, Interact Clubs as part of your commitment to international service, consider making a club contribution to Operation Cleft. \$300 = 1 smile \$3,000 = 10 children's lives changed forever.
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- District Governors Suggest your spouse nominate Operation Cleft as their project of choice; nominate an Ambassador in your district and circulate the Operation Cleft e news to all clubs in your district.
- A ccountants/ Solicitors Suggest Operation Cleft to your clients as a worthy and reputable charity who have DGR (item 2) status.
- Private Family Foundations (DGR item 1) can contribute to Operation Cleft via the RAWCS website at www.rawcs.com.au - project #64/2007-08



\$300 will give a child a "smile for life"









No-one can do everything but everyone can do something



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(All figures quoted in Australian dollars).

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