

Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe e.V.: Profile

Version 1 “short”

Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe works worldwide to ensure that children with cleft lip and palate have access to treatment. Without treatment, children suffer from the consequences of the congenital malformation for the rest of their lives. The central treatment measure for a cleft lip and palate is surgery to close the cleft, giving the children the chance to live life in health and dignity. In the project countries of Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe, this procedure, carried out by qualified local surgeons, costs an average of only 300 euros.

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Version 2 “medium”

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Version 3 “long”

Every three minutes, somewhere in the world, a child is born with cleft lip and palate. In many countries, these children do not have access to treatment. Without treatment, they suffer from the consequences of their congenital malformation for the rest of their lives. They are excluded because of their appearance and forced to live on the fringes of society.

But a cleft lip and palate is more than an aesthetic problem. Due to the cleft in the lip and usually also the palate, the children cannot swallow, eat and drink properly and, as a result, are weakened and susceptible to infections. The consequences are often fatal. In India, approximately one in 12 children with cleft dies before their first birthday.

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