Vietnam

Location:

Ho Chi Minh City; Hanoi

Partners:

- · Odonto-Maxillo-Facial Hospital (Ho Chi Minh City);
- · Vietnam National Children's Hospital (Hanoi)

Projects:

- · cleft mission;
- training for medical personnel;
- · comprehensive care project;
- medical instrument and supplies donation

Mongolia

Location:

Ulaan Baatar

Partners:

 National Centre for Maternal & Child Health of Mongolia

Projects:

- · cleft mission;
- · training for medical personnel;
- medical instrument and supplies donation

Myanmar

Location:

Naypyidaw

Partners:

· 1000-Bedded General Hospital, Naypyidaw;

Pakistan

Location:

Lahore

Partners:

CLAPP Hospital

Projects:

- · cleft mission;
- · training for medical personnel;
- · comprehensive care project;
- medical instrument and supplies donation

Philippines

Location:

Manila

Partners:

 Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation Philippines;





NCF has sponsored international patients with severe craniofacial deformity to received surgeries and treatments in Taiwan since 2002. The project has benefited more than 12 patients from 9 countries.



(1) Pakistan

Bibi's new life

Bibi was born in 2006 in a remote village in northwest Pakistan. She was born with severe facial cleft and has no access to proper treatment in Pakistan. In 2011 and 2012, the NCF arranged Bibi to come to Taiwan for reconstruction surgeries. Bibi had a completely different face after having 2 major surgeries which operated by Dr. Philip Chen.

Bibi had been always frustrated and bad-tempered before the surgeries because she felt her friends and neighbors did not like her. But after the surgeries, Bibi now is confident to make friends, and her favorite class is English class. Bibi has a completely different life now.





(2) Indonesia

Novel's Life Transformation Journey

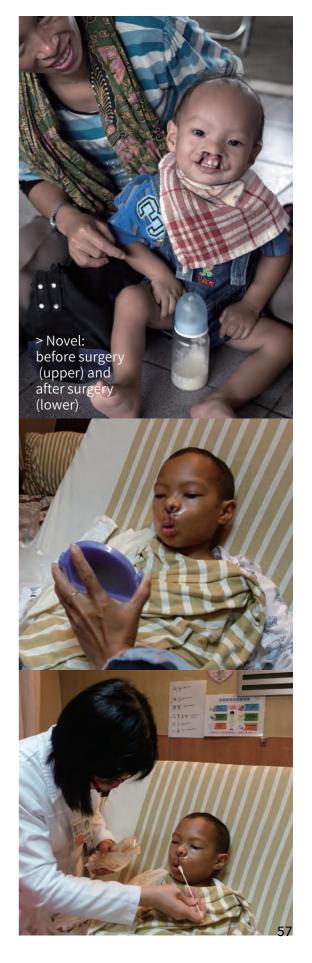




Novel lives in a remoted village in Siantar, Sumatra, Indonesia. In 2007, Novel was born with a bilateral cleft lip. After Novel was born, his father considered Novel was cursed. His mother divorced with his father to protect Novel because the father constantly hit Novel. She took Novel and his brother away. The family of four relays on the income of farming – under 3 USD per day.

Novel used to had 4 cleft surgeries, but almost all the surgeries were failed. It broke Novel mother's heart every time. The clefts made Novel suffer not only from the violence from his father but also from bullying in his daily life. Novel's hardship left his mother in the darkness of self-blame and heartbreaks.

Thanks to a local NGO – Children of Sumatra, which referred Novel's case to the NCF, Novel had the opportunity to come to Taiwan and receive surgery in the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in June of 2017. Dr. Lun-jou Lo was Novel's surgeon, and he said the surgery would be very challenging because the previous operations had severely damaged Novel's lip tissues. Fortunately, Dr. Lo was very experienced in cleft surgery and the surgery went smoothly. Novel had a new beautiful face after 2.5 hours of the successful surgery. Novel' mother passed a mirror to Novel when he was recovering in his bad. Novel could not believe that his cleft lip had closed. Just like magic! Novel and his mom returned to Sumatra, Indonesia, with his new face at the end of July. Novel now is a handsome boy with full of confidence!





(3) Kiribati

Cleft Babies from 8,000km Away

Kiribati is a country in the central Pacific Ocean. In 2017 and 2018, the team of Taiwan Mackay Hospital in Kiribati found 2 cleft baby boys named Langley and Iotebwa, and a 5-year-old cleft girl named Manrenga. They could not receive proper surgeries in Kiribati. The Mackay team reached the NCF to send the little patients to Taiwan for surgeries. It's a big task.

Kiribati is about 8,000 km away from Taiwan. It takes 3 transfers and takes almost 24 hours to reach Taiwan. In 2017, Langley and Iotebwa first came to Taiwan for cleft lip surgeries. However, Langley wasn't used to the food and environment by the long flights. He got severe diarrhea and was sent to the ER in the middle night. Luckily, he recovered well and got his surgery in time.

∨ before surgery





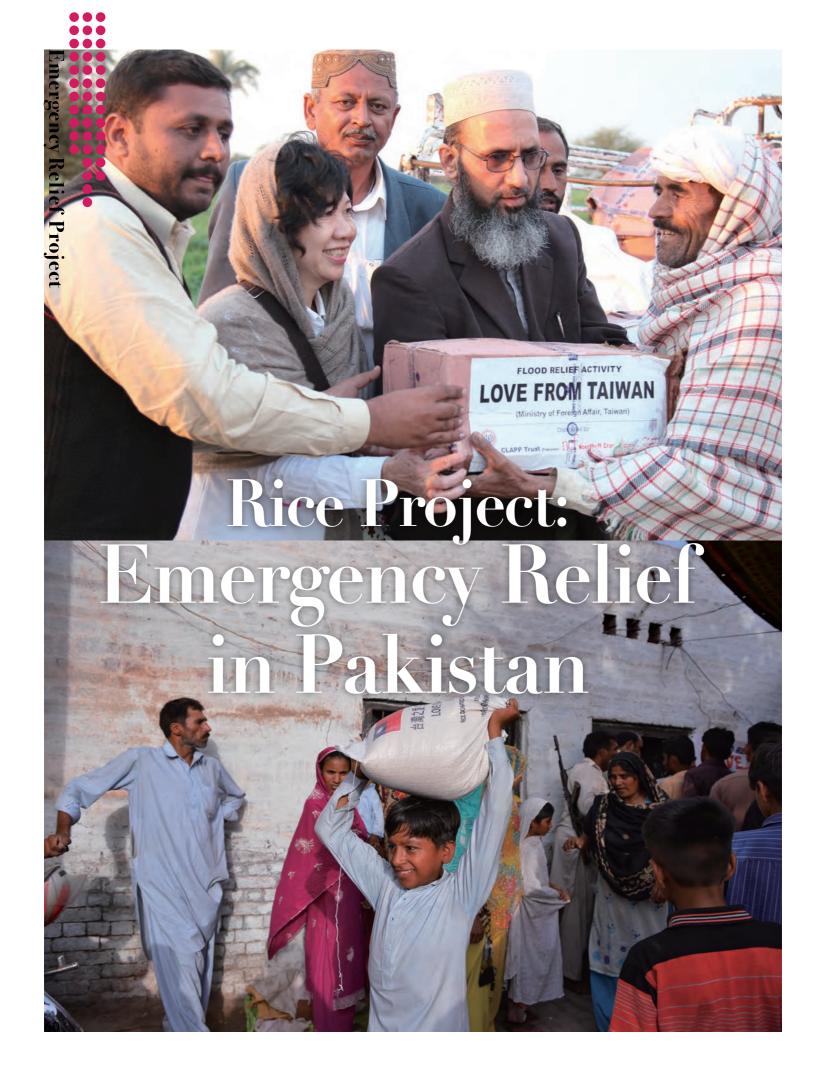
Dr. Lun-jou Lo, the former chairperson of Surgerical Department of Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, led the craniofacial team that performed excellent cleft surgeries and cares for the 3 Kiribati children in Taiwan. The gap on their face was gone. After the surgery, Langley looks so beautiful and seems like a different little kid. Even his 3 years old brother couldn't recognize Langley as they were on video chat!

Manrenga, the 5-year-old girl, loves to draw when she stayed in the hospital. She always spends more 1 hour drawing a picture. In 2019, she joined NCF Charity Calendar Painting Contest. Although she did not win the prize, the artwork was sent from Kiribati far away. The painting was from the farthest lot ever since NCF has hosted the event!

Another baby boy, Iotebwa, was diagnosed with strabismus during his stay in Taiwan. Dr.Lo found his eyes are squint and then refer him to an ophthalmology examination. Iotebwa has congenital strabismus and needs to wear corrective lenses. Visiting Taiwan gets not only the well cleft lip and palate surgeries but also gets the treatment for his eyes. It's a fantastic journey!

v The 3 babies from Kiribati and their family



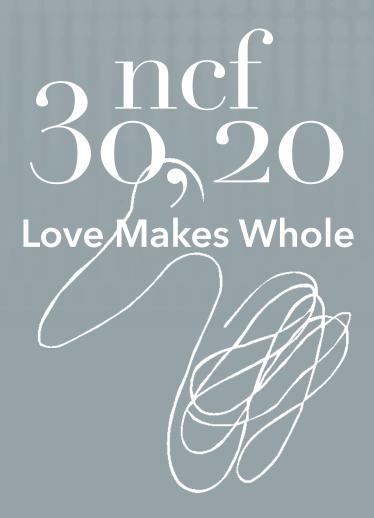












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