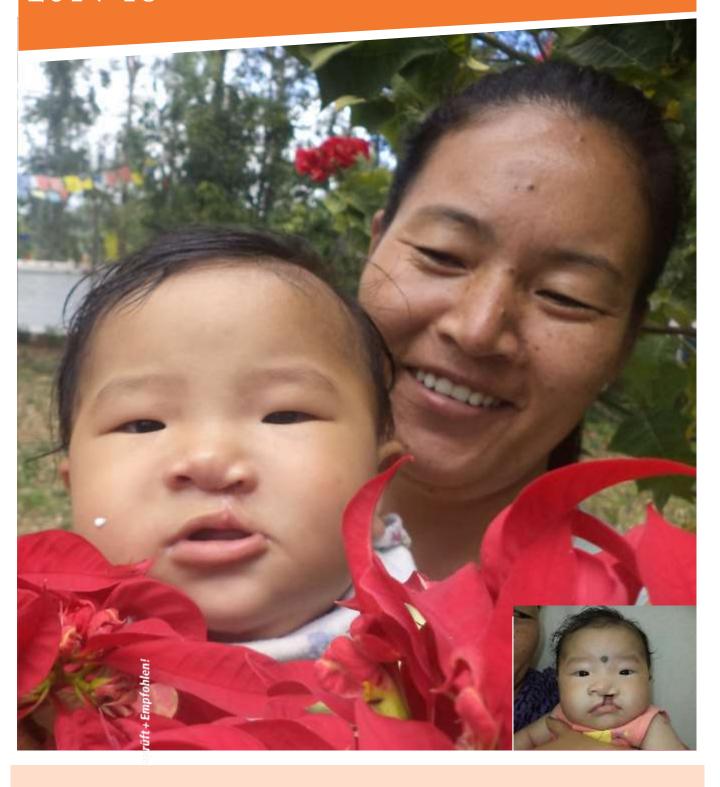
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Annual Report 2014-15

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Foreword

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to write as the newly elected Vice President of ABMSS.

First -a big congratulations for the entire team of ABMSS.

2015 has been a good year with a lot of interesting things happening for India. To take a look at the juncture we have reached Since the inception of the new cleft project,.

We have seen 200 smiles restored, opening of 3 new cleft centers, launching of fellowship programmes, outreach programmes and successful fund raising activities and campaigns like the ongoing first smile initiative and the "hope for the divided smile-100 smile drive".

Special mention for our doctors, support staff, goodwill ambassadors and donors without whose untiring contributions none of this would have been possible.

Having said that we are far from the truth off our mission of eradication of cleft in India. Our efforts to increase awareness and acceptance must continue to prevent these kids from being ostracized from the society. They do have a chance to live gracefully.

Our vision "what it means to have a better life through better smiles" needs to be realized through our continued efforts of engaging both society and governments. Let us make this happen by bridging the gap-for a smile is individual to that person forever present and forever part of them.

Thank you to our donor, Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe e.V. for creating this opportunity to be a part of a cause which lights up a million lives.

Good luck and Godspeed to all.

Malery Dr. Ashish Shetty

Vice President Akila Bharatha Mahila Seva Samaja

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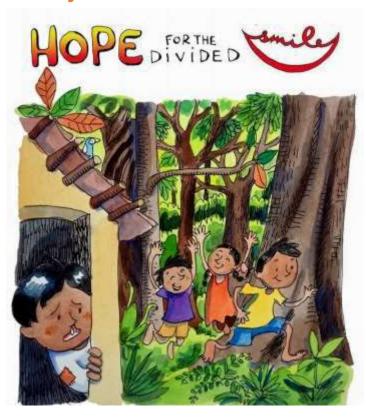
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The year 2014

Comprehensive Care in 2014	
Speech Therapy	1198
Orthodontic Treatment	66

Search and Awareness:





204
182
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The Projects

In India, the aid for Cleft children stands on a very solid and high-quality fundament. In the centers of Agra, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Coorg, Delhi, Mysore, Patna, Srinagar, Surat and Vishakhapatnam a total of 1,998 operations have been performed along with many continuative treatments.

The interdisciplinary and comprehensive treatment of patients is at a high level and was further strengthened during the year. Still, it is very difficult to ensure that operated children whose families come from poor backgrounds and sometimes need to undertake up to a day's journey to the next Cleft center, go to the next treatment.



Therefore a new and creative way had to be tried! So we have started a project in Mysore to allow operated cleft children from remote villages to stay in the center for up to ten days in order to receive an intensive therapy in the field of voice and functional therapy. Our Indian center directors and surgeons know that a long-term care and the normalization of bite (tooth position), speech, hearing and facial proportions tremendously push the self-confidence of cleft patients and their integration in the community.

Our charity as a whole has chosen to provide high-quality medical care while at the same time a high number of new cases are to be treated at the centers. We have observed again in the reporting year that in India too many cleft patients were operated improperly (by other surgeons who are not known to us) and the number of necessary functional surgical corrections increased. The installation and financing of quality Cleft centers is more important than ever. In this respect, we were on an expansion path also in 2014 with the establishment of the Cleft center in Delhi and we are going to pursue this strategy in 2015. Annually, up to 50,000 children are born with a cleft lip and palate in India. The backlog of unoperated cleft patients of estimated one million affected people only imperceptibly reduces. Approximately every tenth Cleft child in India dies before reaching 1 year of age! Given this dramatic situation for the families concerned, and in view of the great need for assistance, India remains the most important project country for Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe. Our Indo-German friendship will be maintained and strengthened further. An important contribution is made by our coordinator of assistance for India Dushyant Prasad whom we want to thank wholeheartedly.

The Graphic showing the 2014 guided and supported centers of Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe.



Cleft center Agra / Uttar Pradesh (Dr. Gaurav Gupta)

The children operated by Dr. Gupta come from the rural areas of the very densely populated and agrarian state Uttar Pradesh. With more than 190 million people over an area of 243,000 km2, Uttar Pradesh ranks among the most densely populated regions on earth. Dr. Gaurav is supported in his work by his parents and his wife with best efforts. This is how he manages the large number of operations. In 2014, he carried out 204 interventions.



Cleft center Ahmedabad / Gujarat (Dr. Shyam Sheth)

Dr. Sheth is a passionate surgeon who treats the children quiet and gentle and who completes his 12 hour day with high self-discipline and personal modesty. On many Sundays he goes to the rural areas of the federal state of Gujarat in order to carry out information events for affected families and to examine the local children. For personal reasons he had to reduce the number of operations in 2013, but already in 2014 he was again able to realize 182 interventions



Cleft center Bhubaneswar / Odisha (Dr. Sobhan Mishra)

The Cleft center Bhubaneswar provides medical care to Cleft children in India's second poorest state Odisha. The aid is aimed especially at the native people of India, the "Adivasi" who account for over a fifth of Odisha's 42 million inhabitants. They live in the forests of the mountainous state (up to 1,600m) and many of them have no access to medical care at all. The Cleft center is housed in the Sri Sri Borda Hospital in the capital Bhubaneswar. In the reporting year, Dr. Mishra performed 181 operations.

The Projects

February, 2015 - 2nd Annual Meet of Partner Surgeons cum Workshop, Bengaluru

Our surgeons and therapists from India, together with DCKH CEO Mr Alexander Gross, ABMSS General Secretary Mr Dushyant Prasad and Prof Dr Götz Ehmann





Cleft center Coorg / Karnataka (Prof. BS Jayanth)

In Coorg Dr. Jayanth operates in Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences. The region is one embedded in coffee plantations and rainforest . The children come from very poor and fair comparison , their parents often work as day laborers on coffee plantations or rice fields . When Dr. Jayanth the young patients are in the best hands. The gentle surgeon manages every time to calm the parents and the kids before surgery. The Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences also has excellent orthodontic department .



Cleft center Mysore/ Karnataka(Dr. Manu Prasad S)

Dr. Manu Prasad has been connected to the German Cleft Children's Aid Society since 2006. First, he was an assistant in the cleft center Ahmedabad, later he became a senior surgeon in Mangalore and Bangalore. Thanks to our partner association - the Swiss Children's Aid Society - we were able to assign him our first own cleft centre in Mysore in August 2013. The center is located at St. Joseph's Hospital and has been working in an interdisciplinary way from the beginning. The surgeon, orthodontist, dentist, speech therapist, pediatrician and anesthetist are all located on the same floor.



Cleft center Patna / Bihar (Dr. Uma Shankar)

In India's poorest state Bihar some 100 million people live on just under 100,000 km2. The capital Patna is the second largest city in Northern India after Kolkata. Providing a contact point and place to go for families with cleft children had long been our goal. Dr. Shankar operated diligently and with great commitment and the need for help is huge. The population can not afford medical treatment. Dr. Shankar performed 290 surgeries in the reporting period!



Cleft center Srinagar / Kashmir (Dr. Mohammad Shakeel)

Dr. Shakeel has been able to accommodate the center in a very well-equipped hospital, the "New City Hospital Bemina". Especially for the Cleft operations there is an operating room and an infirmary for the young patients. The cooperation between surgeon, orthodontist, speech therapist and pediatrician is outstanding. The whole team is working with great love and expertise for the good of the children. Dr. Shakeel also treats children coming from the rural regions of Kashmir which are difficult to access. Therefore, the number of interventions also depends on the security situation in Kashmir and amounted to 127 in 2014.



Cleft center Surat / Gujarat (Dr. Nehal Patel)

Surat is a large Indian industrial city which is located not too far north of Mumbai. Dr. Patel is not only a good surgeon, but also a good organizer. Originally designed as small center, the number of operated children, the majority of whom coming from rural areas, is rather high. Also in 2014, Dr. Patel again organized many information Camps in the countryside and could help many cleft children from the poorest families. He performed a total of 160 operations.



Cleft center Visakhapatnam / Andhra Pradesh (Dr. Siva Reddy)

Dr. Reddy is an experienced surgeon and well networked in Vishakhapatnam. Local organizations intensively help him with regards to awareness raising and to find the children. The patients mostly come from rural areas in Visakhapatnam, Vijayanagaram, Ernakulum, East and West Godavari and neighboring mountain areas of the South of Orissa and Chhattisgarh. Since 2012 the center can count on an excellent voice and functional therapist who understands like no other the difficult situation for parents and children from poor backgrounds. With 230 operations, the number of operations conducted in the center continues to be higher than the average.

Events in 2014 - 15



March, 2015 - Speech and Functional Therapy Workshop, Mysore Dr Susanne Codoni, Speech therapist Basel University

Mrs Srilakshmi Godavarthi, Speech therapist Visakhapatnam

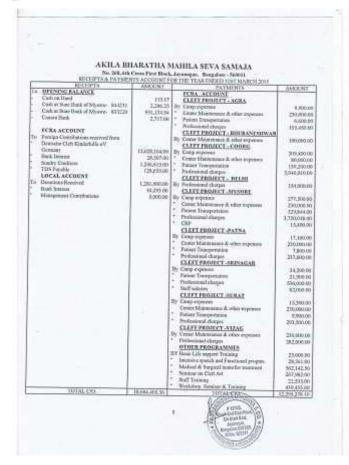


November, 2014 - Workshop on Anaesthesia for Cleft Surgery, Mysore



General meeting of the members of ABMSS was held in Bangalore on the 24th of February 2015

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