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Cleft lip and cleft palate are commonly found birth defects, the former one in 600 and the latter one in 2,500 live births. Difficulties in suckling and eating may cause choking and side effects such as lung infection, otorrhea and lisp. Appearance abnormality may result in inferiority complex delayed development and social difficulties despite these children being normal brain function.

There are many patients with other deformities waiting for corrective surgery such as scar contracture, hot water scald, burns, trigger fingers and polydactyly, but being poor, less fortunate or living in remoted areas, are unable to obtain surgery.

Before



After



Before



After



To address this situation, the Thai Red Cross Society through its Relief and Community Health Bureau, in 1998, started the repair of cleft lip, cleft palate and other deformities project. Mobile Surgical teams have been sent to operate at needed provincial hospital six times annually. Up to now over 4,000 patients have received corrective surgery. In 2005, the Thai Red Cross Society in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health and the National Health Security Office, initiated the beautiful smile, beautiful voice project to commemorate the fiftieth birthday anniversary of HRH Princess Sirindhorn. The project includes registration of all new born with cleft lip and cleft palate, arranging and paying their travel expenses so that they may receive surgery at the appropriate time for those with cleft lip between 3-6 months and 9-18 months of age for cleft palate. The project includes a network for finding, processing, surgical care, dentistry, elocution and seeking cause of deformity to reduce such cases. The project attempts to address the problem in a systematic way.

### Operational goals

Target for the mobile surgical team is to correct 300 patients with deformities per year. Cost for each patient totals Baht 4,900. The expense for Transportation and living cost during hospital stays that the Thai Red Cross Society give to patients is 1,000 Baht for every surgery and 500 Baht for every visit of dental treatment and speech therapy in every public hospital in Thailand. The total cost for each year is around 5,000,000 Baht.

