

Project for the treatment of cleft lip and palate in Indonesia

In Indonesia, Eni Foundation is collaborating with the humanitarian organization *Smile Train Italia* to implement a project for the surgical treatment of children with severe congenital facial malformations.

Area of intervention

The local reference facility for the implementation of the project is the Provincial Hospital of the city of Tarakan, in East Kalimantan, the second largest Indonesian province, on the island of Borneo. In the region, the incidence of congenital malformations involving cleft lip is aggravated by the lack of healthcare facilities and doctors: in the Hospital in Tarakan in particular, there is a severe shortage of plastic surgeons. The new Center for cleft lip and palate will be set up at the new city Hospital, which is now being completed.

Objectives and activities

To reach the final objective of creating a center of excellence for the treatment of cleft lip and palate, the project will involve:

- surgical missions, with the transfer to Italy of the most critical cases that cannot be treated locally.
- supply of medical and surgical equipment and instruments.
- intensive specialized training programs for local medical personnel according to international surgical standards.



Smile Train volunteers with child after the operation

Partners and roles

- Eni Foundation finances the project.
- *Smile Train Italia* is responsible for carrying out project activities and to that end has signed agreements with the local administration and health authorities.

Duration and cost

The project will last 3 years (2009-2011) and will have a cost of 0.5 million euro.