

Activity Report 2020/2021

Operation Smile Egypt is a national non-profit foundation established for free management of the Egyptian children suffering from facial congenital anomalies. Operation Smile Egypt is one member of the Operation Smile International family, stated in Virginia, USA including 33 countries worldwide. In Egypt, there is a child with facial deformity in every 500 children, with an expected total annual number reaching 3000 children. Operation Smile Egypt plans to functionalize its objectives in the form of medical missions depending on international and national medical and social team of volunteers for free management of those children, along with many educational and leadership programs to teach the Egyptian personnel the basics of volunteerism, soul giving through this critical service including its medical, social, and psychological points of view.

2020 Education Activities

In collaboration with the American heart Association, Operation Smile Egypt succeeded to educate 180 trainees in Basic Life Support (BLS) courses, 65 trainees at Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) courses and 266 trainees at Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) courses. All these courses were provided by the internationally credentialed approved instructors and faculty members of Operation Smile.

2020 Mission Activities

- There was one international mission at Aswan University Hospital in which 141 patients were screened and 89 children had been operated got and their normal smiles back. In this international event, we had received 23 volunteers from USA, Brazil, Italy, Sweden, Jordan, Pakistan.
- Also, Operation Smile Egypt succeeded to conduct 3 national cleft missions at which 116 patients were screened and 61 got their smiles back.

2021 Education Activities

In collaboration with the American heart Association, Operation Smile Egypt succeeded to educate 225 trainees in Basic Life Support (BLS) courses, 50 trainees in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) courses and 150 trainees in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) courses. All these courses were provided by the internationally credentialed approved instructors and faculty members of Operation Smile.

2021 Mission Activities

- There was one international mission for the first time in the Nile Delta region in collaboration with Alaraby Business Group. The mission was in Alaraby Hospital in Menofia, 92 patients were screened and 66 had safe surgeries and got their smile back.
- Also, OSE succeeded to conduct 3 local cleft missions in which 100 patients were screened and 46 got their smiles back.
- OSE started a unique program at 2021 by expanding their surgical care activities to include surgical and non-surgical burn care. In a burn mission during July 2021, 62 patients were screened from which 16 patients had received surgeries and the others had many other non-surgical services as pressure garments, physiotherapy, laser, and scar therapy.
- Burn Care International team from Florida, USA had visited Operation Smile Egypt Center and presented workshops for physiotherapy care educating 8 physiotherapists and 15 tailors for pressure garments to provide services after surgeries.
- We also succeeded to transfer 30 kids from Libya by a private flight from Benghazi direct to our center in Assiut University during July 2021. The Libyan kids got safe surgeries. Eight Libyan trainees had been trained here to transfer this service to their country once back.
- In Oct 2021, Operation Smile Egypt started a unique program by providing medical laser and micropigmentation services for 20 adult girls with repaired cleft lip.

Standards Activities:

- Students Club: Presents all services needed for mission logistics, medical records, media, fundraising, and public awareness.
- Continuing Medical Education: Operation Smile Egypt continuously presents training opportunities in all its programs and missions for all concerned specialties.
- Operation Smile Egypt is leading the MENA region in its programs and activities.
- Operation Smile Egypt is receiving regional volunteers from Palestine, Jordan and Morocco for education and training.
- Operation Smile Egypt is sending Egyptian volunteers for similar programs in the other 33 Operation Smile foundations all over the world.