

**ONE SURGERY**  
can make a big difference in a child's life

**1 OF EVERY 700**  
babies in Southeast Asia  
is born with a  
**cleft lip and/or cleft palate.**

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**Most of these children**  
**CAN NOT**  
**EAT and SPEAK**  
properly.  
They are often  
**STIGMATISED**  
**AND LEFT OUT IN SOCIETY.**



**Many families**  
**CAN NOT AFFORD**  
**PROPER TREATMENT**  
for their child's cleft condition.

**A baby born with a cleft has**  
**twice the odds of dying**  
before celebrating their  
**first birthday.**

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**Ohm from Ubon in Thailand was**  
**born with**  
**a cleft lip and facial tumor.**  
**He received surgery at the age of**  
**seven months, which helped him**  
**EAT MORE, GROW AND DEVELOP TO**  
**A HEALTHY CHILD.**





## FACT SHEET

### Mission and Impact

**Kids Action for Kids (KAFK) raises funds to finance surgeries for children born with cleft lip, cleft palate or other facial deformities in Southeast Asia.**

#### IMPACT

Since 2009 Kids Action for Kids together with partners have financed over 1,500 surgeries.

##### In Thailand (province):

- Chonburi (2017)
- Chiang Mai (2016)
- Mae Hong Son (2016)
- Sisaket (2015)
- Nakhon Ratchasima (2018 & 2014)
- Ubon Ratchathani (2013 & 2011)
- Bangkok (2013)
- Khonkaen (2012)
- Nonthaburi (2012)
- Songkla (2011)
- Phitsanulok (2010)
- Chonburi (2009)

##### In Myanmar:

- Naypyitaw (2015)
- Pyin Oo Lwin (2019, 2018 & 2017)

#### SURGERIES AND FINANCING

**Surgery for one child costs approx. THB 25,000 (USD 800, NOK 6,000), and can take as little as 45 minutes.**

Some children only need one surgery, while in more complicated cases several surgeries are necessary.

**100% of all funds Kids Action for Kids organization raises go directly to surgeries,** as all the administrative costs are covered by sponsors and the board members, and everyone is working as a volunteer.

**All medical personnel also work for free.** The costs cover rental of surgery room, hospital stay, anesthesia, medicine and medical consumables during the surgery, travel costs and food for the medical personnel and for the patients (with one chaperone).

#### CO-FOUNDERS

Three brothers **Haakon, Martin** and **Anders Brekke**, two sisters **Maren** and **Julia Friberg**, and their mothers **Torgunn Aas Reggestad** and **Vera Friberg** co-founded Kids Action for Kids in Norway in 2009.

**We believe that kids and youth can make big difference in society.**

Therefore, our work is initiated and run by kids and youth to a great extent, with the help of adults. Our dedicated volunteers' work has strengthened KAFK's existence and enabled us to grow in terms of the number of financed surgeries. In addition to the fundraising and the surgeries, being involved in our charity and different missions is a very educational process. The learning comes both from the practical work and in the understanding of giving back to society. Being a part of something bigger than one self.

#### OUR PARTNER

Kids Action for Kids has been working together with Operation Smile Thailand (OST) from 2009. OST is extremely professional and has very high requirements for the procedures, training of the volunteers, and treatment of patients. OST's medical volunteers conduct the surgeries and take care of all medical aspects.



Rin before and after cleft surgery