

Project Dental Clinic Kolkata, India



WHERE?

India straddles two worlds simultaneously; it is both a developed and a developing nation. It is the 4th largest economy in terms of purchasing-power, in the top 10 most industrialised countries and a global leader in IT. However, India is also home to 1/3 of the world's poorest people, with 350million people living on less than US\$1 a day. Dentaid seeks to equip a dental clinic in the heart of Kolkata, the capital state of West Bengal. Kolkata's population exceeds 15million. One third of these people live in slums.

WHO?

India's total disabled population is approximately 70million – more than the entire population of the UK. However, people with disabilities remain largely marginalized in India. They are usually very poor and have to battle both physical barriers and cultural prejudices.

WHY?

Currently in Kolkata, there is little access to oral health services for people with disabilities. Doctors working with local charity IFTHABP are helping relieve oral health problems in disabled children and are offering oral health education free of charge. But they do not have any dental equipment so the treatment they can offer is limited. Children with disabilities suffer more dental problems than their counterparts because they can't brush their teeth well and they tend to grind their teeth – wearing them down to the gums. The staff at IFTHABP are concerned about the effect of poor oral hygiene on the overall health and wellbeing of these children.

THE VISION:

Dentaid will supply two permanent dental surgeries to a new clinic in Kolkata, facilitating the free treatment of over 150 patients per week. Patients will include street children, slum dwellers, the poor, rural people and children with disabilities.

Please sponsor Project Dental Clinic and help the vulnerable people of Kolkata

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| Full Refurbishment and supply of two surgeries and extra instruments for ART | £6500 |
| Crating and shipping to India | £1200 |
| Total | £7700 |

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