

# Operation Smile

## Morocco



### The Country

Located in North Africa, with an area of just 447,000km<sup>2</sup>, Morocco has a population of 38 million people. Casablanca is Morocco's largest city with a population of almost 5 million. However, according to the WHO, there are only 0.74 dentists for every 10,000 people in Morocco.

1 in every 600 people in Casablanca suffers from cleft lips or cleft palates. In Morocco 1,300 babies are born with clefts every year. Cleft lips and cleft palates bring social isolation and affect the breathing, speech and feeding of the baby.

### Operation Smile Morocco

Operation Smile Morocco provides orthodontic care for 75 children with cleft lips or cleft palates each year and free basic dental care to between 30 and 45 young Moroccans each day. They currently have one full time dentist; Dr Fassu Fehry Said and a further 40 volunteer dentists.

Operation Smile Morocco established the first cleft lip and cleft palate care centre in Northern Africa. The Casablanca based facility enables Operation Smile Morocco to provide comprehensive treatment and post-operative care (on going dentistry, speech and orthodontic work) to hundreds of children suffering from facial deformities each year.

### The Project

Operation Smile Morocco hopes that Dentaïd can provide them with 4 portable dental surgeries, which would enable them to travel to remote areas and offer orthodontic care for people who have no access to dental health care. With the new portable dental surgeries, they hope to be able to perform an additional 3000 dental treatments per year.

As well as extractions and fillings, the volunteer dentists at Operation Smile Morocco will operate on more children suffering from cleft lips and cleft palates.

Dentaïd urgently needs to find a group, society or individual willing to sponsor this project and thus revolutionise the oral health care available to 5 million people in Casablanca.

Full refurbishment and supply 4 portable dental surgeries =£4,642 (new value over £25,000)  
Crating and shipping to Morocco =£805 approx - (to be confirmed)  
Total =£5447

Thank you for your interest.