

# **NOMA destroys children's lives**

100'000 children are affected each year by this neglected disease which ravages their faces in a matter of weeks.

**We won't look away!**

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## **We want children to smile again.**

100'000 children (mostly in Africa) aged 2 to 6 (WHO estimates) suffer from the illness of NOMA annually. 80% of cases are fatal although if caught in time the survival rate is close to 100%. NOMA is a result of the combination of severe malnutrition, debilitation due to diseases such as measles and impaired oral hygiene with gangrene and a lack of any basic health infrastructure in the so-called developing countries.

**NOMA HELP SWITZERLAND (NHS) actively fights against NOMA.**

### **Prevention and sensitivity**

NHS helps financing on the spot, prevention measurements, sensitivity actions as well as equipping und educating local health personnel.

### **Hygiene and Nutrition**

NHS assists in improving hygiene conditions and clean water in those affected areas. We also support measurements to improve children's nutrition standards and diets. The disease is mostly attributed to malnutrition, polluted water and lack of hygiene.

### **Operations and follow-up treatments**

NHS supports experienced surgical medical teams that travel to those areas where affected NOMA patients are found by sending prevention teams and arranging operations on site. Severely affected patients will be transferred to Switzerland for expert operations.

**NOMA HELP SWITZERLAND cooperates closely with European and African NGO's of the International NoNOMA Federation.**



Mother with her NOMA ill child in Mali



Aisha before and after the chirurgical treatments

# NOMA HELP SWITZERLAND since 2005

Inspiring personalities from the Zurich area founded the NHS organization in 2005 together with Dr. med. Bertrand Piccard. NHS is supported by approx. 500 private persons, foundations, church and political organization, communities, businesses, VIPs and musicians

Thanks to personal commitment of all volunteers, approx. 90% of all donations are directly invested in projects. Low administration costs allow efficient use of the donations and as a consequence an excellent balance of the funds.

## Main tasks of NHS

Selection of projects and activities which help NOMA affected children the most effectively.

Close cooperation with various organizations, especially with members of the NoNoma federations which provide hands on support and operations.

Organize charitable events and awareness work in Switzerland in order that this illness and the many affected children are not forgotten.



Sensitivity action in a village in Burkino Faso



Medical doctor examining a child in Burkino Faso



Mouth hygienic control in Niger



Prevention campaign in Burkino Faso



Preparation of clean drinking water



**Many thanks for your kind support!**  
In order that the children can smile again.

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