

# Review of: "Cleft Lip and Palate Repairs in X, "Sourire de l'Espoir" Humanitarian Missions' Experience: A Retrospective Study of 201 Consecutive Cases"

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This retrospective report of the "Sourire de l'Espoir" humanitarian mission that aimed at treating patients with Cleft Lip and Palate (CLP) in Africa provides a comprehensive overview. Nonetheless, there are critical gaps in the article that need attention.

Firstly, the study lacks sufficient detail on the training provided to three local Togolese individuals who participated in this surgical mission. A more in-depth exploration of their training experiences and their subsequent involvement in patient care, would greatly enrich our understanding of the mission's sustainability and impact on the local community.

Secondly, it is essential to clarify whether the surgical interventions took place within established hospitals or were conducted onsite as part of the humanitarian mission. This distinction is crucial for assessing the logistical challenges faced during the mission and understanding the resources and facilities available for the medical team.

Lastly, the study falls short in elucidating the postoperative care and follow-up treatment plans for the patients who underwent CLP surgeries. Information regarding the long-term outcomes, rehabilitation programs, and any potential challenges in providing ongoing care would enhance our comprehension of the mission's effectiveness in improving the lives of these patients.