

# MAJOR PROJECT

## ESTABLISHING A CRANIOFACIAL CENTER PBM's LEGACY TO THE NATION



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#### Project Details

Oral clefts & craniofacial anomalies are among the most common birth defects in the world. Incidence rates are particularly high in Asia. In the Philippines, the birth prevalence of oral clefts is estimated to be 2 for every 1,000 live births. There are about 3,500 - 4,000 Filipino children born with cleft and craniofacial anomalies yearly. Many more are either born with other craniofacial deformities or acquire these through accidents or injuries. Like other birth defects, the burden of cleft or craniofacial deformities is significant with regard to medical treatment which involves not only surgery but rehabilitation as well. Many of these conditions are not life-threatening, and with attention and help given on time, afflicted individuals can go on to live normal lives and become productive members of society. Majority of those affected by these conditions come from marginalized families, with no means to source for the needed medical attention and follow-up services for the patient. People with these defects may also experience emotional, psychological & social problems from low self-esteem because of this defect.