

Mission Bambini Foundation

The Mission Bambini Foundation was founded in Italy in 2000. Its aim is **“to help and support children who are poor, sick, without education or physically and morally abused, to give them the opportunity and hope of a better life”**. Children are always the focus of our help and our task is to accompany them towards their future: we are their lucky star. The values that guide us are: Liberty, Justice, Truth, Respect and Solidarity.

The Foundation supports projects that give **hospitality, health care, food security and education** to children and employment training to young people, in Italy and the world. Since 2000, Mission Bambini has supported 1.2 million children through 1,250 aid projects in 72 countries worldwide.

Mission Bambini is an **independent, secular, non-profit organization**. In early 2015, the Italian Foundation created **Mission Bambini Switzerland** and **Friends of Mission Bambini in the USA**. The Foundation's Financial Statement is audited by an external auditing firm.

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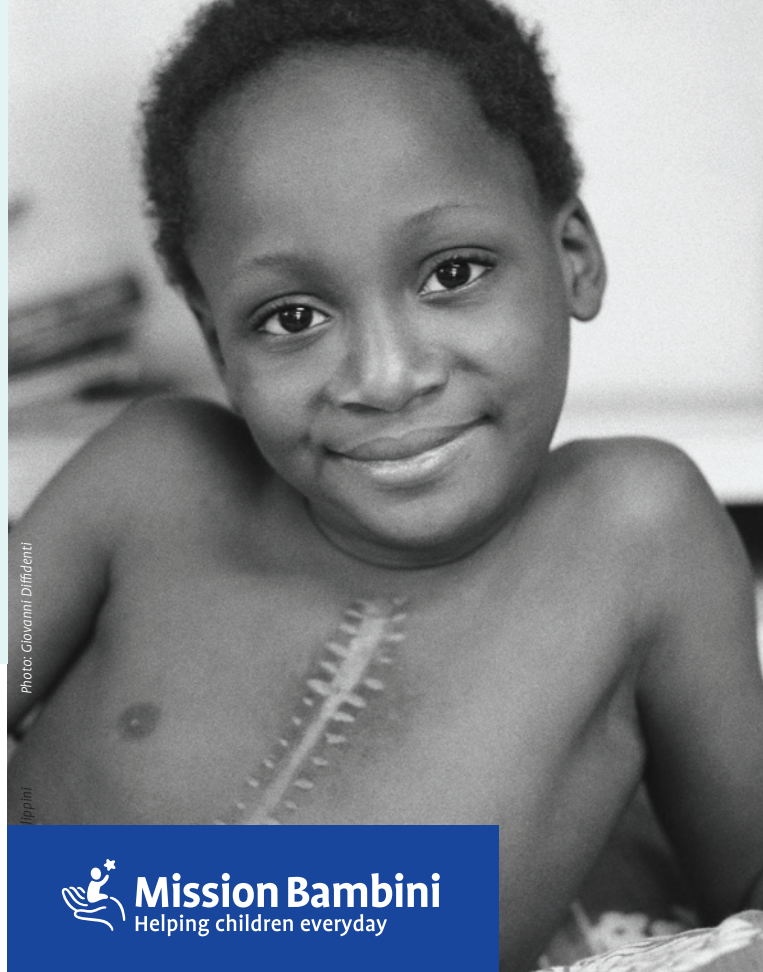


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Mission Bambini
Helping children everyday

Children's Heart



Children's Heart Project

In line with our goal to reduce infant mortality, Mission Bambini has been committed to the treatment of heart disease in children since 2005, through our "Children's Heart" Project.

? Problem

1 million children with heart disease

Every year **1 million children are born with congenital heart malformations**, 800,000 of whom are born in the poorest countries without access to medical care or the chance of timely surgery. Half of these children are destined to die before their first birthday. Others face serious growth and psychosomatic development problems, due to respiratory and circulatory issues.

♥ Solution

Pediatric cardiac surgery

The Foundation intervenes **to save the lives of children with serious heart conditions born in the poorest countries**, by involving Italian volunteer doctors and collaborating with the sanitary structures in place in other countries. There are three main methods of intervention:

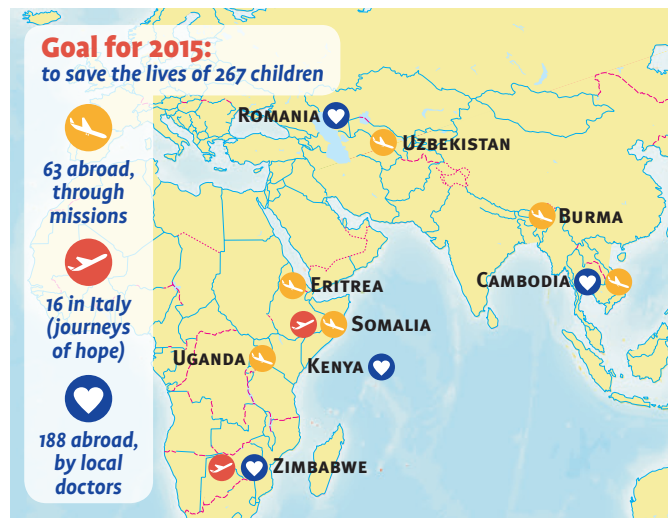
- **taking the child to Italy to be operated on**, when their country of origin is lacking adequate hospital facilities;
- **organizing periodic missions abroad** by Italian volunteer doctors to local hospital facilities, to operate on children and provide training to local doctors;
- **operating on children directly in their own country** and covering the costs of surgery for the poorest families or donating machinery and equipment.



Overall results

1,337 children saved through surgery

Since 2005, 1,337 children born with serious heart conditions in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe have undergone cardiac surgery and been saved, thanks to Mission Bambini. More than 10,700 children have been seen by a doctor and 100 foreign doctors have received free training.



The volunteer doctors involved in the 'Children's Heart' project work in the best Italian hospitals, including: Ospedale Niguarda Ca' Granda in Milan, Azienda Ospedaliera Papa Giovanni XXIII in Bergamo, Ospedale del Cuore G. Pasquini in Massa, Ospedale Regina Margherita in Turin.

How to help

You too can help us saving children with congenital heart disease born in the poorest countries:



- ★ **€50** can ensure that **three children** with a potential heart disease are **seen and diagnosed**
- ★ **€1,000** can provide 1 sick child with a **journey of hope** to Italy
- ★ **€15,000** can completely finance **1 surgical mission abroad**

Open your heart and support the "Children's Heart" Project!