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Since 1983, Interplast and Rotary have been repairing bodies and rebuilding lives, together, across the Asia Pacific. Now, the region needs us more than ever.

Dear Friend of Interplast,

As the world scrambles to respond to COVID-19, even countries with welldeveloped health systems are grappling with how to provide medical care for an overwhelming number of critically ill patients.

Despite the global attention on healthcare and the prioritisation of resources to combat infection and the spread of disease, we know that injuries from trauma, disabilities and other treatable conditions are still occurring.

# There remains a need to upscale access to safe, timely and affordable surgery, especially amongst developing nations.

Recent modelling published by the British Journal of Surgery projects that 28 million surgeries will be cancelled or postponed worldwide in 2020 as a direct result of COVID-19. Across the Asia Pacific region where Interplast works, the impact will be devastating.

By supporting Interplast Australia & New Zealand at this time, your Rotary Club will directly help reduce pain and restore hope across communities amongst Australia's nearest neighbours.

#### DONATE TODAY AND RESTORE HOPE

## Your donation will help Interplast treat more children like Anan.





Anan is an enthusiastic two-year old boy from Vientiane, Laos. Sadly, at seven-months old, he suffered significant life-changing injuries when he was burned because of a terrible accident in an open fire at his home. Without medical attention, Anan's crippling injuries became worse as time went on.

Earlier this year, Anan was introduced to Dr Cameron Keating and Dr James Savundra – two incredibly skilled Interplast surgeons. Working alongside local surgeons from Laos, Doctors Keating and Savundra were able to perform highly complex reconstructive surgery...

#### Read more about Anan's transformative surgery

At this time, COVID-19 is challenging the world. Patients requiring surgery are not immune to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

A financial donation from your Rotary Club will help Interplast deliver timely and accessible surgery for children across the region.

### DONATE TODAY

Following the successful surgery, Anan's parents were incredibly thankful for the life-changing assistance provided to their family. They describe Anan as being talkative and overjoyed; singing and dancing around the room. What started as a terrible accident, ended with a smile.

I'm asking your Rotary Club to help bring smiles to more faces by making a <u>tax-</u> <u>deductible donation</u> to Interplast Australia & New Zealand before June 30.

Together, we can continue to repair bodies and rebuild lives.

Yours sincerely,

Cameron Glover Chief Executive Officer



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