



**Smile**Train



## **POST FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN CLEFT CARE**

#### **ABOUT THE TRAINING**

The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) in Partnership with Smile Train and the West African College of Surgeons (WACS) have developed a Post-Fellowship Curriculum in Cleft Care with an aim of Improving the skills of surgeons in the comprehensive management of Cleft Lip and Palate and associated problems.

A nine (9) month long course at an accredited training site with the objective of: -

- Improving knowledge & understanding of the embryologic & anatomic basis of cleft lip & palate surgery.
- Strengthening the impact & understanding of multidisciplinary team care for cleft lip & palate.
- Providing hands on surgical training in primary & secondary repair of cleft lip & palate, as well as alveolar bone graft.
- Developing & advancing research in cleft lip & palate & provide a regional research platform.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must have a recognized medical or dental degree.
- Must be a COSECSA Fellow or have a fellowship in any of the following surgical specialties (or acceptable equivalent):
  - Dental Surgery (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
  - General Surgery
  - Otorhinolaryngology
  - Paediatric Surgery
  - Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- To facilitate training, the candidate should possess a current registration/ practicing license from the host country Medical & Dental Council.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Curriculum Available HERE

Maximum of two per training institution for each batch at a COSECSA Plastic Surgery Accredited Training Site. Submit a CV, Reference letter, Personal statement and an acceptance letter from a COSECSA Plastic Surgery accredited training site.

Complete applications should be sent to COSECSA by filling the form <u>HERE</u>

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Air tickets where applicable, Standard host facilitation fee, Living subsidy, visa where applicable, covid test where applicable

#### Application Deadline – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# AWARDED WITH CERTIFICATE IN CLEFT SURGERY ON COMPLETION

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