



# VAHISHTAI DABOO, INDIA

## DELIVERING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

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# Delivering Across the Lifespan

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**integrated**  Services for Listening  
& Spoken Language

# India story...

- ▶ Population: 1.451 Billion which is 17.78% of the world's population
- ▶ New Born Hearing Screening
- ▶ Awareness impact of Hearing Loss
- ▶ Early Intervention
- ▶ Support across the lifetime
- ▶ Costs involved for maintenance and upgrades



# Status:

## UNBHS

States

Individuals

## Infants, Teenagers, Children

Government Schemes  
Funded Programs

Centres & Individuals

## Adults

Awareness Increasing

Self Funded

# Services

## Government & Funded Programs

- Age criteria
- Mapping
- Therapy

## Individuals Programs

- Age criteria....
- Mapping
- Therapy

## Adults

- Pre & Post lingual
- Mapping
- Therapy

# Our Programmes Delivering Services Across the Life Span

# NBHS Programme

## Programme 1:

### OAE

- ▶ Conducted at the Government Hospital in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics

### BERA

- ▶ Conducted at our centre

## Programme 2:

Both OAE & BERA done at our centre



# Working with infants, toddlers and their families

- ▶ Pre implant counseling & Hearing Aid trials
- ▶ Coaching and Guiding the Families
- ▶ Developing Listening and Language - using functional language, Daily Routines, Songs, rhymes, Stories and Book Sharing, Craft, Festivals
- ▶ Developing Self Advocacy and Early Literacy Skills
- ▶ Guidance and preparation towards mainstreaming





# Working with late implanted children and their families

- ▶ Awareness about Speech therapy vs Listening and Spoken Language
- ▶ Awareness about what are good outcomes
- ▶ Awareness, guidance and counselling about ‘Listening and Spoken Language’ and how this can be achieved
- ▶ Guidance and counselling about **realistic outcomes**
- ▶ Understanding the need for a bridge programme prior to mainstreaming
- ▶ Getting the whole family on board to help the child progress



# Multiple Languages Challenge

- ▶ Home Language vs English
- ▶ Families aspiring their children to study in English medium schools
- ▶ Most schools in India are English medium schools or semi English
- ▶ Difficulty to comprehend in higher classes
- ▶ Huge gap between comprehension level and the grade the child is in



# Higher Language Skills in Teenagers

- ▶ Social emotional language
- ▶ Higher level cognitive language
- ▶ Higher level concepts are missed
  
- ▶ We work with some families who see the need to develop this in their children's higher language skills by using different approaches:
  - Individual
  - Group
  - Assisted learning program





# Adults

- ▶ Awareness through camps
- ▶ Audiological Assessments
- ▶ Guidance & Counselling for CI
- ▶ Meeting other recipients
- ▶ Regular Mapping
- ▶ Auditory Skills Training
- ▶ Counselling
- ▶ Meeting other families in their CI journeys

