



# LUSINE STEPANYAN, ARMENIA

## PARENTS DRIVING CI

Lusine has been a driving force for cochlear implants in Armenia against all the odds.

# LOW RESOURCED COUNTRIES AND COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Armenian case study





# WHEN DID IT START IN ARMENIA?

2004

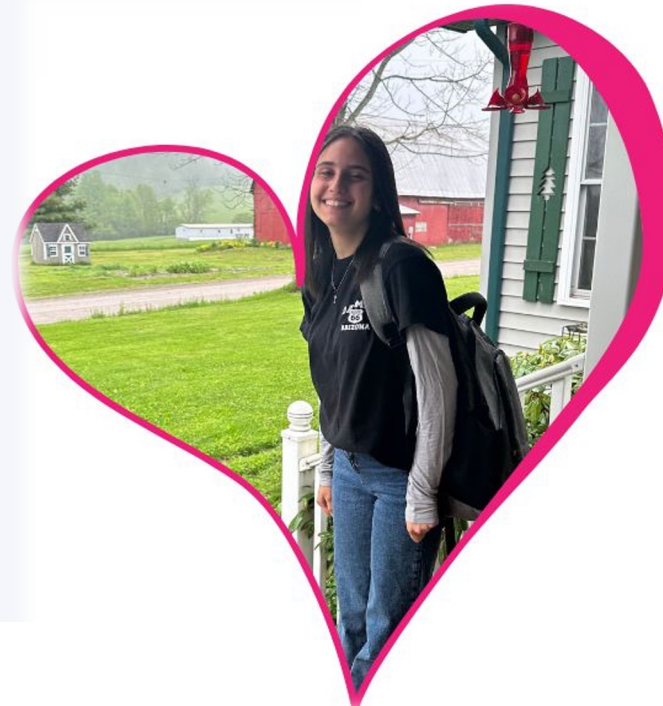
The Cochlear Implantation started in Armenia.  
The project was founded by Armenian International Medical Foundation

2004  
2024

More than 200 children and adult were operated

2019

Armenian State support program begun



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

2017 → Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Health

2019 → The Governance decided to include Cochlear Implant recipients to the state support Program

2018 → We started negotiation with the Ministry of Social Affairs

2019 → Ministry of Social Affairs and started to provide 5 equipment to cochlear implant recipients

# OLD SPEECH PROCESSORS UPGRADE



This year we send a letter to the Ministry of Social Affairs and ask them to start upgrading the old speech processors. We are still waiting for their decision.



We also send a letter to State Revenue Committee. We pay high taxes when the equipment, speech processors and implants are imported to Armenia. So we have asked for a tax exemption.



The Armenian government has made a decision to provide support for speech therapy to the children with speech delay starting from 2026. Again we are going to ask the to include children with CI to this program.