

Parents in Action!

The India Story

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In a country of 1.4 billion — how do we
deal with these numbers?

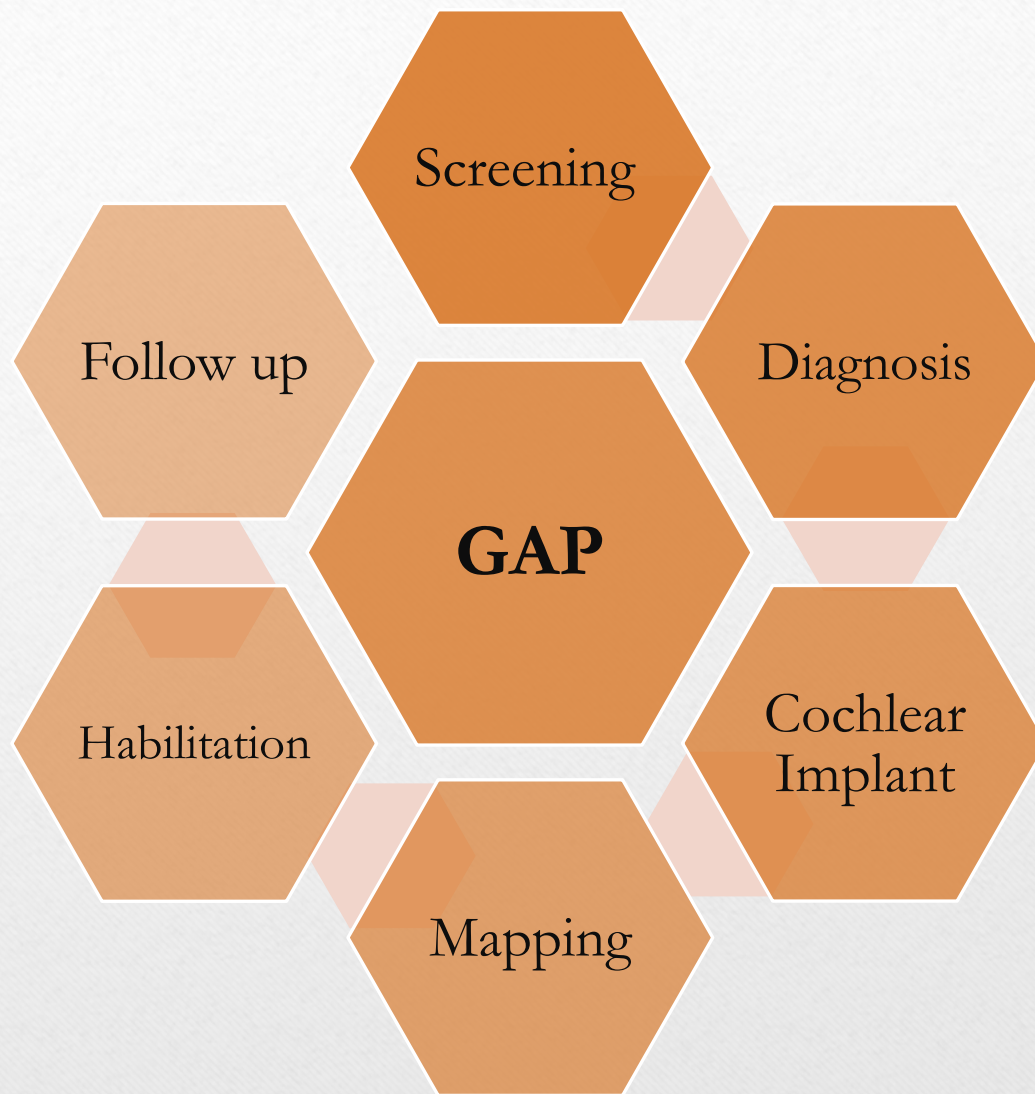
The Numbers...

- Total population with HL: **63 million** (*Garg et al., 2009, National Medical Journal of India*)
- Prevalence: **6.3%** of population has **disabling hearing loss** (*WHO, 2018*)
- **25 million** babies are **born** in India **annually**
- **100,000** babies are born with **profound hearing loss** annually
- Congenital deafness: **4-6 per 1,000** live births (*National Sample Survey, 2001*)

Workforce Gap

Profession	Estimated Available	Ideal Need (WHO Benchmark)	Gap
ENT Surgeons	~8,000 (AOI)	– (CI specialists fewer)	Limited CI-specialized surgeons
Audiologists / SLPs	2,500–6,000	~56,000	>50,000 shortfall
AVT / Re/hab Specialists	<1,000 trained	~10,000+	Severe shortage

(Refs: AOI; IHS; WHO Workforce Benchmarks; National Disability Report 2023)



Bridging the Gap!

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New Born Hearing Screening Camp at Cama and Albless Hospital, Mumbai



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After a successful camp earlier this year, we're excited to bring back the Free Hearing & Screening Camp for children and adults.

INTEGRATED in Collaboration with USHTA - TE Foundation

Date: Sept 13, 2025 | 10 am to 6 pm

Venue: Ushta Te Office, Parsi Sanatorium Compound, Off Ashram Road, Ahmedabad.

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Importance of the right fitting of Listening Devices



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Importance of Habilitation



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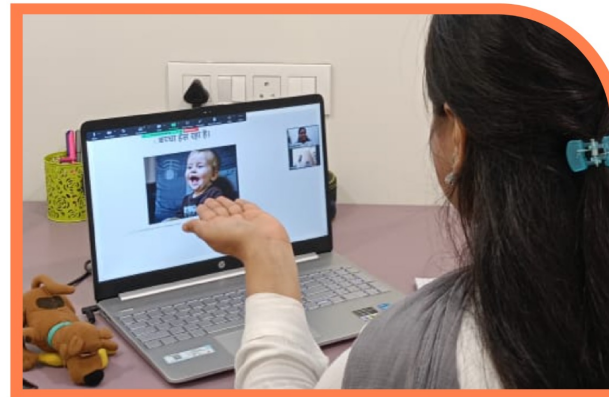
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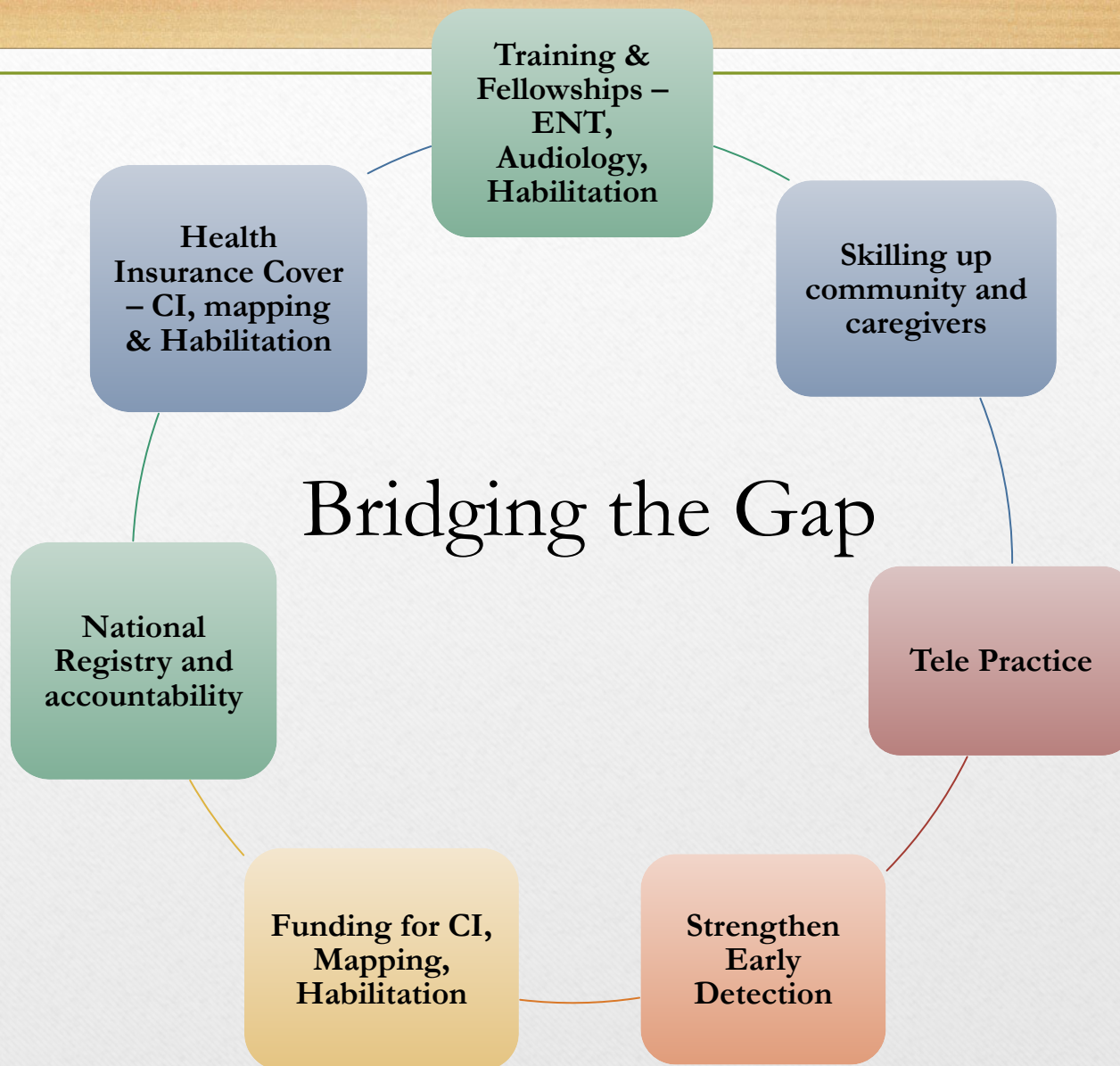
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From Numbers to Impact

- Universal newborn hearing screening
- Affordable CI access for all ages
- Invest in human capacity (AVT, mapping, re/hab)
- Develop data systems for follow-up & outcomes
- Strengthen public-private partnerships

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Beyond the Numbers...

Let every voice be heard!

*Let's move from counting numbers to creating
impact together!!!*”

Thank you!

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