

Georgia

Caregiver Name: Shorena
Age at Implantation: 3

Child: Shio
Age Today: 6

We are from Georgia. Shio is 6 years old and he is hearing impaired. We are all hearing in the family.

The biggest challenge for us was Shio's diagnosis. Support from the government was minimal. Only the implantation and very little rehabilitation were carried out at the government's expense, which was not enough. **A great achievement for us was the cochlear implantation** and permanent rehabilitation of hearing at an organization where we were also provided psychological support.

I would advise parents not to give up and to fight every day to protect the rights of their children. By sharing our story, I want to encourage families who are just starting this journey and give them hope, as an experienced parent who, despite many challenges, calmly and strongly guides her child on the path to success and happiness.

