Beyond the Implant

Turning families' hopes into a continuum of care in Kenya

Identify every child today.
Tomorrow's opportunity may depend on it.



Whose journey are we measuring?

A cochlear implant can open a door—but it does not complete the journey.



CHISHLO screening a child in a school setting

1 **Diagnosis** — Finding answers and understanding what comes next

2 **Access** — Managing costs, travel and specialist appointments

3 **Rehabilitation** — Building communication and language over time

4 **Participation** — Having a diagnosis and records ready when opportunities arise

Access to an implant is not the same as access to communication, language and learning.

Screening today can unlock tomorrow’s opportunity

CHISHLO’s experience shows why every child’s hearing status matters—even when intervention is not yet within reach.

50,000+

children screened

100+

children identified with hearing loss

Hundreds

of hearing devices distributed

THE OPPORTUNITY EFFECT

Over 10 children who had already been screened, diagnosed and fitted with hearing aids later benefited from donated cochlear implants.



Hearing-aid fitting

THE LESSON

Children may miss future opportunities when their hearing status is unknown—or their diagnosis is not documented.

Screen • Diagnose • Document • Follow up

Screen every child today—even when intervention seems remote. Tomorrow’s opportunity may depend on it.

From parents' voices to system change

Treat parents as partners in designing services—not simply recipients of care.

01

Listen

Use family experiences to identify gaps and priorities.

02

Connect

Link screening to diagnosis, intervention and family coaching.

03

Include

Support communication, learning and participation in school.

04

Sustain

Build partnerships across families, hospitals, counties and civil society.

Listening is the beginning. Identification keeps the door to opportunity open.

Identify early. Document clearly. Keep pathways open. Be ready when opportunity comes.