

WORLD REPORT ON HEARING



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PEOPLE
WORLDWIDE
LIVE WITH
HEARING LOSS

BY 2050,

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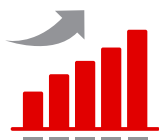
PEOPLE ARE
PROJECTED TO HAVE
PROBLEMS WITH
THEIR HEARING

NEARLY
80%

of people with hearing
loss live in low-income
and middle-income
countries

The majority of people with
hearing loss **do not have**
access to interventions

Ear and
hearing care
interventions are
cost-effective



Unaddressed
hearing loss is
expensive
to communities
worldwide and **costs**
governments
US\$ 980 billion
annually

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US\$ 1.40



An annual additional
**investment of less
than US\$ 1.40 per
person is needed**
to provide ear and
hearing care services

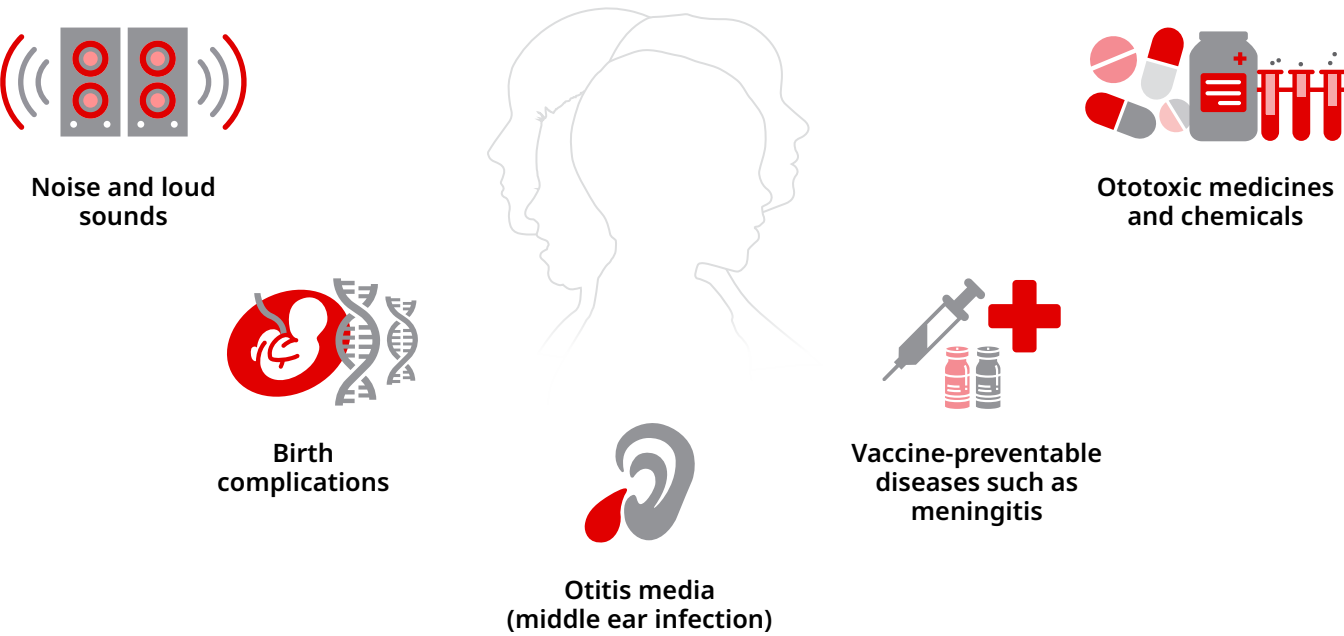


Over a 10-year
period, this promises
a return of
nearly US\$ 16 for
every US dollar
invested

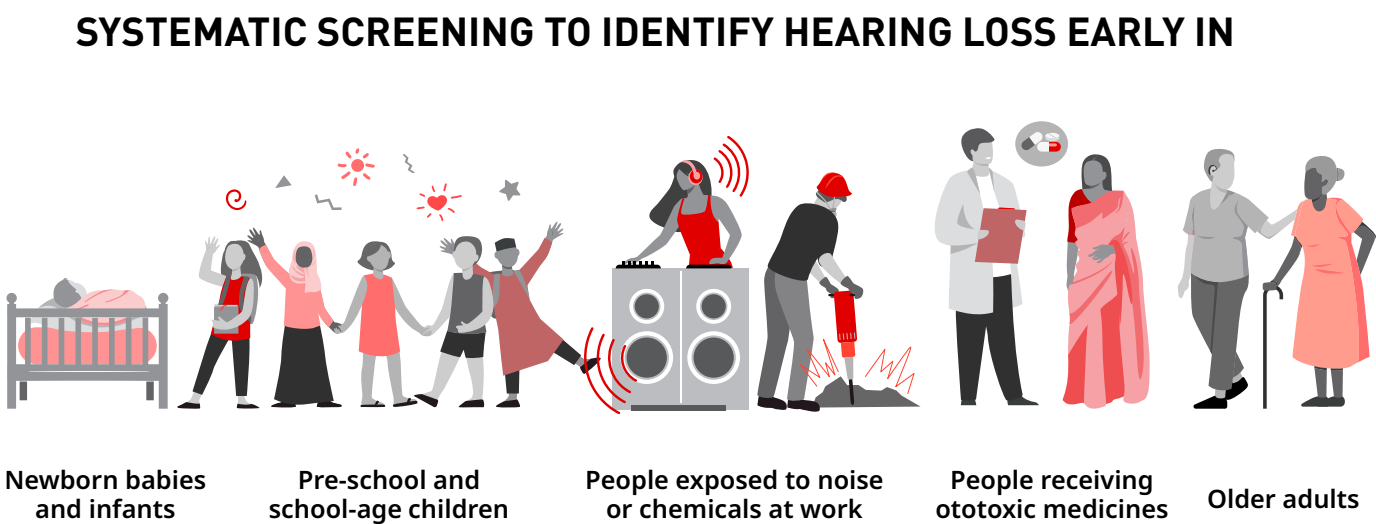


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Public health measures can **prevent** hearing loss caused by



At every stage in life, hearing loss can be **addressed** through



In children **60%** of hearing loss can be prevented

Over **1 billion** young adults are at risk of permanent, avoidable hearing loss

Across life, **good ear hygiene** will prevent many causes of hearing loss

TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE CARE CAN BE PROVIDED THROUGH EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS SUCH AS



Universal access to quality ear and hearing care is possible through



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY EAR AND HEARING CARE

- DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES
- PROVIDE WORKFORCE EDUCATION & TRAINING
- PROMOTE TASK-SHARING ACROSS WORKFORCE & TELEHEALTH SERVICES
- INCLUDE HEARING TECHNOLOGIES AS ESSENTIAL ASSISTIVE PRODUCTS
- MONITOR EAR AND HEARING CARE (EHC) INDICATORS THROUGH NATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- PRIORITIZE IMPACT-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Governments must act now to overcome barriers to integrate ear and hearing care in national plans as part of universal health coverage.

By working together, we can reach the **2030 milestone target to increase coverage of ear and hearing care services by 20% worldwide.**

Delivering on this target is an urgent and essential priority. It will improve the health and well-being of people everywhere and help us achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3, and ultimately a world in which **no one – no child, no adolescent, no adult – is left behind.**



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For more details refer to:

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/hearing-loss>