

Partnering for Hearing: Considerations for Cochlear Implant Donations in Low to Middle Income Countries

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Our Funding Strategy



We want to improve the quality of life of **people in need** with hearing loss worldwide.

The foundation has a special **focus** on projects benefiting **children** with hearing loss.

Our four **funding focus areas** include projects that benefit **children**, **facilitate parent involvement**, **educate and train clinicians**, and **prevent hearing loss**.

We want to help as many people as possible. Therefore we focus our investment on projects that help groups of individuals.

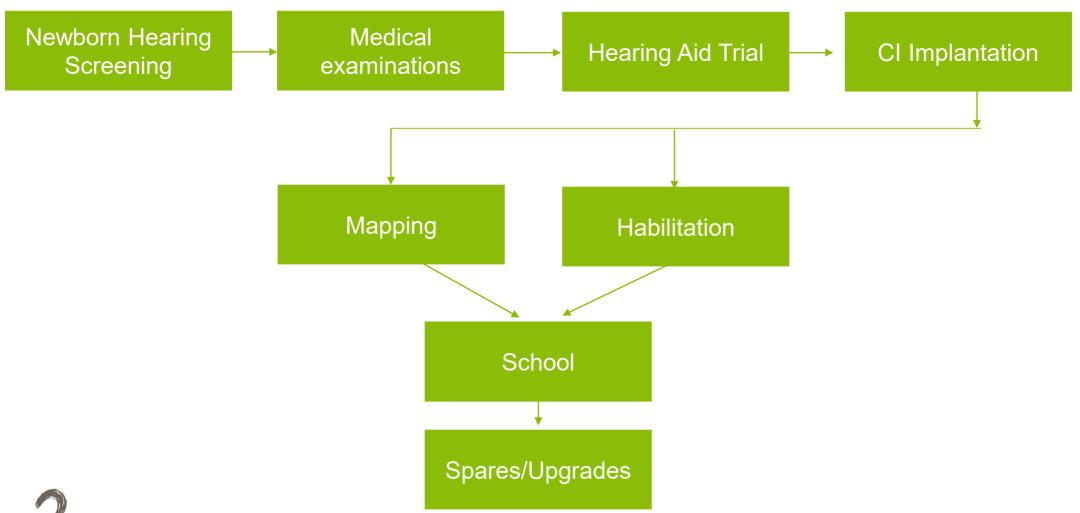
The Foundation has high standards and expectations with regard to prospects for capacity building, sustainability and the long-term success and quality of the funded projects.





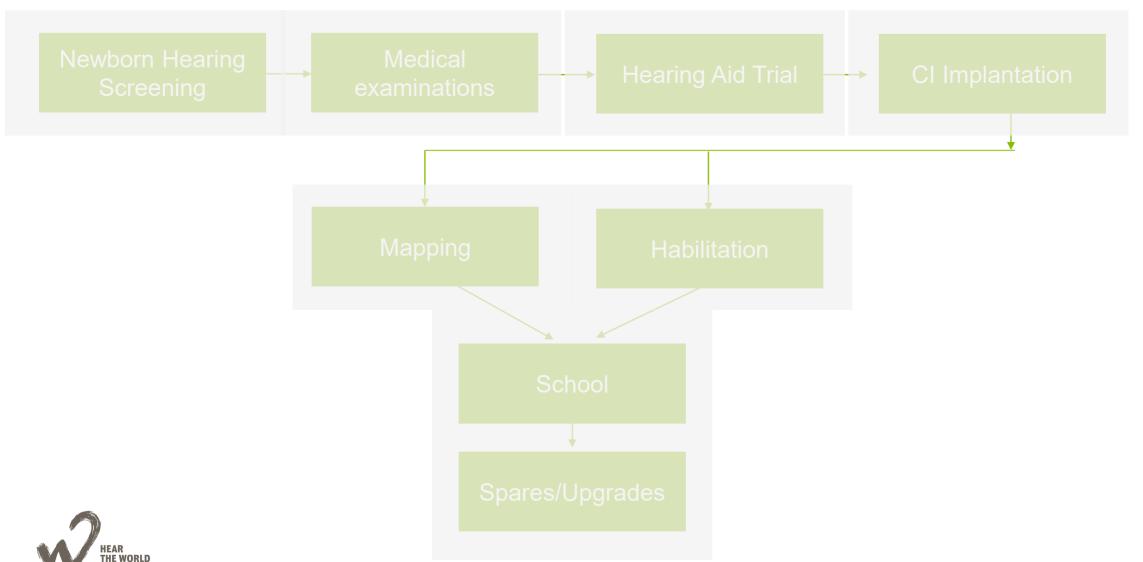


Overview of Cochlear Implant Journey for a Child Developed Markets





Overview of Cochlear Implant Journey for a Child in Developing Markets



Hear The World Foundation approach

Partner with a local foundation

Understand the family background

Infrastructure around the family

Coordinate with the local Sonova entity to identify local HCPs

Pre-surgery, surgery, and post-surgery management

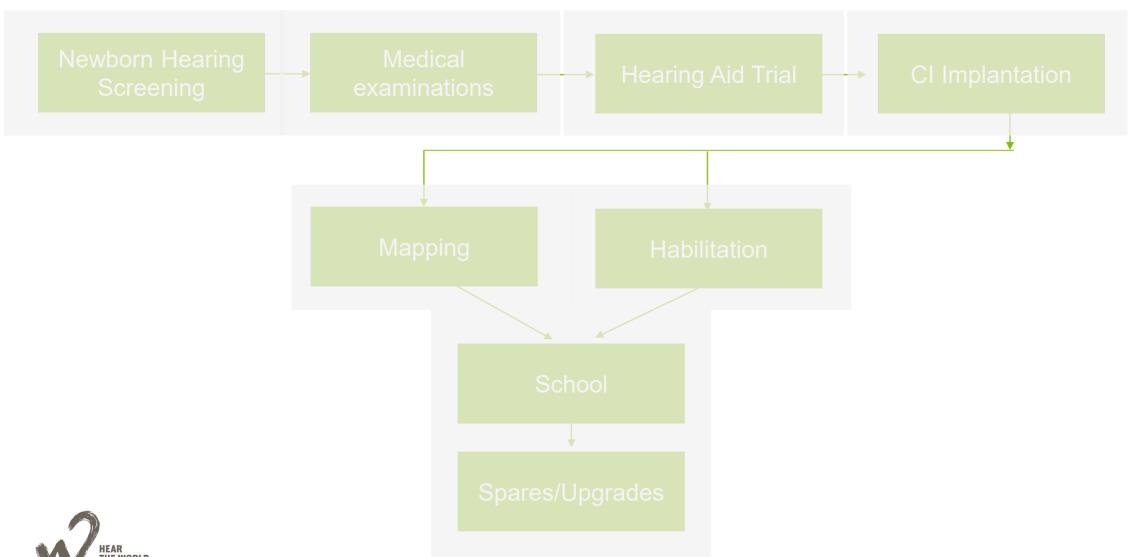
Use professional connections to help when needed (surgical support, training, etc)

Provide **continuous support** of cochlear implant externals costs

Provide replacement externals and upgrades over the course of 15 years



Overview of Cochlear Implant Journey for a Child in Developing Markets using HTW and a foundation partner





Vietnam CI Donation Overview

Hear The World Foundations second CI donation

Project Partner: Global Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss (GFCHL)

GFCHL working in Vietnam since 2010 to build audiological and habilitation expertise

10 children implanted (within 1 year)

Centers trained by GFCHL provide habilitation for these users







Panama CI Donation Overview

Hear The World Foundations first CI donation

Project Partner:

FUNDACIÓN PRO INTEGRACIÓN (FUNPROI) HTW Partner since 2013

3 children implanted in Year 1

4 children implanted in Year 2







Questions to consider when pursuing a cochlear implant donation

Can the existing infrastructure support the child easily and conveniently?

If so where (capital, large cities, etc)

Schooling post-CI (mainstream, blended, CI experienced school, Roger)

Surgical complication mitigation

Provide surgical support/supervision

Minimizing the "burden" of a free cochlear implant on families

Convenient and free access to mapping/habilitation

Externals warranty expiration

Finding the **RIGHT candidates**

Family support is paramount to ensure success







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