



## CHILDHOOD HEARING LOSS

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34 million children under 15 years of age worldwide are affected by disabling hearing loss



60% of childhood hearing loss is due to **preventable causes**



Children who cannot hear before they acquire speech **might not learn to speak correctly**



**4–11 out of 10.000 school children** affected by severe hearing loss in early childhood



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# Hearing Impairment Impacts Children's Lives and Society

Affecting speech, language and cognitive skill development



Impacts children's **educational achievement**



Impacts children's **quality of life**



Impacts children's **human rights**



Impacts children's **future career and work-life potential**



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# How to Recognise the Symptoms in Children

What are the signs?



Child does **not respond to loud noises**



Child cannot tell where **the noise/voice is coming from**



Child does **not follow instructions** or follows them **incorrectly**



Child's speech does **not develop further than basic noise**



Child does not respond to voices, **even on physical contact**



Child responds in a **frustrated** or **aggressive way**