

1  **A global perspective on resourcing childhood deafness**

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2  **International Federation of  
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**120 National ENT Societies**

**Multinational ENT Groups**

**International ENT Societies**

3  **Mission statement IFOS**

**“To identify critical global ORL care needs and communication disorders, to propose ways to prevent and treat individuals with them and to set priorities among these needs according to their impact on society”**

4  **Resolution 48.9**

**1995; Approval by the General Assembly  
of the WHO of Resolution 48.9 for the  
prevention of Hearing Loss**

5  **Resolution 48.9**

**Concerned at the growing problem largely preventable hearing impairment in the world, WHO urges member states to prepare national plans for the prevention and control of major causes of avoidable hearing loss within the framework of Primary Health Care and to develop further collaboration with NGO's**

6  **Result since 1995**

**No concerted actions, despite local initiatives and many organizations**

**No public and professional awareness**

7  **Complications**

**No signs**

**No compassion, but irritation**

8  **Epidemiology**

**10% of World Population**

**Without prevention 12% in 2015**

9  **Millennium goals**

**Affects directly 2 of the 8 millennium goals**

- **Fight against poverty**
- **Primary education for children**

10  **Millennium goals**

**Low social level and income**

11  **Millennium goals**  
**Unemployment of young adults with hearing loss 3 times higher (U.S.A.)**

**The millennium goals for health “Rising to the Challenges” (World Bank)**

- **no hearing loss**

**Global Vaccination program (WHO/GAVI)**

- **no hearing loss**

**International Action on Aging, year of the Elderly (WHO)**

- **no hearing loss**

**Year of the Child (WHO)**

- **no hearing loss**

12  **Prevention infectious diseases**

13  **Measles**

**Despite vaccination half a million people died from measles**

**Children at risk, 15% otitis media**

**No report on surviving children and hearing loss**

14  **Rubella**

**Most occurring reason for congenitally acquired hearing loss**

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**Meningitis**

**25% of survivors have severe hearing loss**

16  **Conclusions of infectious diseases**

**Deafness and hearing loss caused by infectious diseases can be prevented**

**Screening necessary for early rehabilitation**

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## **Prevention of noise induced hearing loss**

18  **Prevention**

**At risk: Children and young adults**

**Screening hearing tests in Holland: Alarming**

**Prevention: by awareness**

19  **Rehabilitation**

**Affordable hearing aid (WHO)**

**Cochlear Implant**

20  **Developed countries**

**Take care and be aware of know how of teaching of school of the deaf and sign language**

21  **Conclusion**

**Combined action of AWARENESS in institutions, governments, professionals,  
organizations**

**“HEARING FOR ALL”**