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Oaxaca is one of the three states with the highest rates of poverty in Mexico, with a large absence of public services for audiology and hearing screening tests and scarce options for auditory rehabilitation and language stimulation. Consequently, hearing loss detection in children under 6 years old is almost non-existent. In response to this situation, CORAL has been providing language therapy and rehabilitation services to girls and boys since 1999. Moreover, since 2005, it has implemented a prevention and early detection program in rural and peri-urban communities



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Achievements:

- 37 children from 0 to 10 years of age received hearing stimulation and speech therapy and were able to improve their communication and social skills. Furthermore, 23 of the 37 children are also being taught the Mexican Sign Language to communicate, and therefore are developing bilingual abilities.



- 7580 children under 6 years of age were tested for early detection of hearing loss through hearing campaigns carried out in three regions of the State of Oaxaca, the Central Valleys, the Southern Highlands and the Tehuantepec Isthmus; mainly in preschools, elementary schools and day-cares. Reached a total coverage of 62 communities in 20 municipalities and municipality agencies, in the three regions of the State of Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 37 parents participated in therapy sessions with their children so they could learn hearing stimulation and oral language techniques; at the end of the project, they have acquired the knowledge and abilities to nurture auditive environments in their homes. Additionally, 22% of the parents learned how to communicate by using the Mexican Sign Language, mainly those whose children have deep hearing loss.

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