

EAR CARE NEPAL

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The only organization in Nepal to conduct purely school based ear health programs



Restoring Hearing, Renewing Hope

Globally, more than 5% of the world's population, over 430 million people, live with disabling hearing loss. **In Nepal, the situation is even more alarming: 15.4% of the population suffers from hearing impairment, one of the highest rates in Asia.**

What makes this crisis particularly tragic is that most causes of hearing loss in Nepal are preventable. Common culprits include chronic ear discharge, use of ear-toxic drugs, and harmful traditional practices such as applying herbs inside the ear. Due to widespread ignorance, ear discharge is often dismissed as a minor issue, even though untreated ear infections can lead to meningitis, brain abscesses, and even death.

Hearing loss in children is especially devastating. It can cause delayed speech and language development, poor academic performance, and social isolation, creating lifelong barriers and burdens for both the individual and society. Studies show that in Nepal, 55.2% of children diagnosed with hearing loss, chronic otitis media is the leading cause.

Recognizing this urgent need, Ear Care Nepal (ECN) was founded in 2013 by a dedicated group of ENT surgeons and philanthropists. Our organization works tirelessly to prevent deafness, promote ear health, and conserve hearing, with a special focus on protecting children, the nation's future, from avoidable hearing loss.



The Story behind ECN

The story of Ear Care Nepal (ECN) is one of courage, compassion, and commitment. Founded by a group of passionate ENT surgeons and philanthropists, the organization was born in September 2013 from a vision to address the urgent problem of preventable hearing loss among children in Nepal. Leaving behind a secure professional path, the founder, Dr Milan Maharjan chose to dedicate her life to serving those most in need, underprivileged children suffering from ear diseases and hearing impairment.

With the support of an inspiring team of founding members from diverse backgrounds: journalism, medicine, public health, and audiology, ECN began its journey with little more than determination and a shared belief in the cause. Early guidance and crucial assistance from international partners, including Prof. Paul Fagan of St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, enabled the first 50 ear surgeries and laid the foundation for ECN's future growth. Support from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education further strengthened its mission to bring ear health to schools and communities across Nepal.

Over time, Ear Care Nepal developed meaningful collaborations with organizations such as BRINOS, Aarogya Foundation, Nidan Hospital, and Vajra Publications, launching Nepal's first school-based ear health program. The commitment of national and international partners including Rotary Clubs, Direct Relief, Samsara Nepal, and Ripa Siddhi Sangathan, has helped reach thousands of underprivileged children, particularly in remote Himalayan and monastic communities. The establishment of the Ear Care Nepal-Ripa Referral Center, with the guidance and generosity of His Eminence Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche, remains one of ECN's most significant milestones. Throughout its journey, ECN has been supported by dedicated volunteers from Nepal and abroad, whose time and expertise have been vital to its success. The organization's progress also reflects the unwavering encouragement of mentors, friends, and families who stood beside the team during its most challenging moments.

Today, Ear Care Nepal stands as a symbol of what compassion and collaboration can achieve. Guided by its mission, the prevention of hearing loss and the conservation of hearing, among children, ECN continues to bring hope, sound, and opportunity to thousands of children across Nepal.

Strategic goals

With an ultimate goal of **preventing deafness and conservation of hearing at the national level**, ECN's immediate goals are:

- To conduct school based ear health programs in community schools and Buddhist monastic schools of Nepal
- Provide primary ear care education to children, teachers and guardians
- Deliver conservative ear care services at the primary level
- Provide ear surgeries to children for restoration of hearing
- Provide hearing aid when ear surgeries are not possible
- Train and create special workforce such as "Community Ear Assistants" to carry on the ear screening program



What Drives ECN?

Vision

To create a Nepal where no child is held back by preventable hearing loss, a nation that promotes and preserves hearing, ensuring every underprivileged child can hear, learn, and thrive.

Mission

To prevent hearing loss and promote ear health across Nepal by:

- Delivering accessible, affordable, and quality ear care services among underprivileged children and underserved communities.
- Conducting school-based ear health programs focused on early detection, treatment, and education.
- Building local capacity through training, community engagement, and collaboration with national and international partners.
- Raising awareness about ear diseases and hearing loss as preventable public health issues.



Our Values

- **Compassion:** Guided by empathy and respect, ECN is to caring for every individual
- **Prevention and Sustainability :** ECN aims to create lasting change and reduce the long-term burden of hearing loss.
- **Collaboration:** Partnership lies at the heart of ECN's success.
- **Empowerment through Knowledge:** Education and awareness are key tools for sustainable change
- **Equity and Access:** Quality ear care is a basic human right, not a privilege.

OUR PROGRAMS

School based health programs are one of the most efficient programs for the prevention of disease through awareness and early diagnosis. Screening of hearing loss in children provides the opportunity to detect a child's hearing status, provide treatment to improve hearing or limit further loss, and to improve learning.



Community School Ear Health Program

We run school ear health programs (screening, treatment and education) for all students from preschool to 10th grade around the country.



Buddhist Monastic School Based Ear Health Program

There is high prevalence of ear diseases and hearing impairment in these children because of the remote geographic locations & limited health care facilities.



Heal & Hearing Trek

Designed to reach out the most underprivileged children from remote Himalayan areas of Nepal.



Hearing Care Education & Training Programs

ECN addresses the shortage of trained medical personnel by its training program for health workers, while also providing training for the rest of the community.



Education Material

Audio-visual tool have a dramatic impact in children enabling them to grasp more difficult concepts with greater ease



Surgeries & Rehabilitation

After initial screening for ear diseases at their respective schools, children who needed surgical interventions or deeper medical intervention are referred to Ear Care Nepal-Ripa Referral Center for medical attention. ECN also provides hearing aid when ear surgeries are not possible

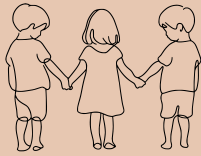
ECN's impact

764

Community and
Buddhist Monastic
schools visited

6

Mountainous
district of rural
Nepal visited



16 7385

Nepalese children screened & treated

1163

Major ear surgeries performed

2171

FCHV and health workers trained

What about GIRLS?

It's funny how things turn out. Since 2013, our team of nine women has been serving underprivileged children across Nepal. We never planned to become an all-women team, it simply happened. Yet in a way, it isn't surprising. In Nepal, around 90% of health care workers are women, and during our field missions in the Himalayas, squeezing together into our little van has become a symbol of our shared dedication and sisterhood.

But behind this coincidence lies a deeper reality. **Gender disparity remains a sensitive and often unspoken issue in Nepal.** We see it every day, not only in the communities we serve but also within our own families. Traditionally, daughters grow up knowing that one day they will leave their parents' home to live with their husbands' families, while sons stay to carry on the family lineage. Because of this, boys often receive priority in education, health care, and opportunities.

When a family struggles financially, it is common to send the son to a private school while the daughters attend community (government) schools, which often lack resources and quality. This is one of the reasons why we see more girls in community schools, and why boys are sometimes prioritized for surgeries (55% boys vs 45% girls).

This is where our work becomes even more meaningful. As a team of women, we automatically become role models for the girls we meet, examples that women can lead, decide, and create change. Our mission is not only to provide medical care but also to build trust, encourage confidence, and open doors to better opportunities. Every girl we meet deserves the chance to dream bigger, to be healthier, and to shape her own future.

Empowering girls is not an extra part of our mission, it is at the heart of it.

“45% of the children operated, by ECN in Community Schools are girls”



OUR SCREENING METHOD

Ear screening team visits schools during school hour after prior meetings with respective school principals. All children are screened for any ear diseases and deafness. Detail examination is carried out in the children with ear diseases and data is documented properly.

Children with ear diseases are treated at site for minor problems and those who require further treatments are referred to referral center.

Primary ear care education is delivered to all the school children and teachers using power points, posters, animation video, animated booklet and a song about ear and hearing care. Parents are also counseled about ear diseases/ deafness and further treatment options are explained carefully about their child's health for restoration of hearing.

Children who require further managements such as ear surgeries are referred to Ear Care Nepal-Ripa Referral Center. ECN's senior Audiologist & Speech pathologist manage children who require hearing aids.



Community School Based Ear Health Program

According to WHO, 60% of hearing loss in children below 15 years of age is due to preventable causes. In children, hearing loss of even 15 decibel can lead to delayed language development and educational progress. **Therefore, school based health programs are one of the most efficient programs for the prevention of disease.**

Classroom SCREEN & TREAT

Screenings are done in classrooms, where students are examined by an Ear Nose and Throat Surgeon and findings recorded.

Minor ear problems such as aural toileting, removal of wax and foreign body and medical treatments are primarily managed at the time of screening.

Classroom EVALUATE

In a designated silent room, a trained ear assistant evaluates the hearing of children using a pure tone audiometer.

Pure tone air conduction thresholds of four frequencies 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000Hz are measured and documented.

Classroom EDUCATE

In another classroom or common hall, children, teachers and parents are educated about ear and hearing care using ECN's education materials. Children who require further management are listed, informed to the school principals and respective parents to follow-up at Ear Care Nepal-Ripa Referral center.

The screening program includes:

- 1) Screening of children for ear diseases and hearing loss
- 2) Providing primary ear care education to the children and teachers
- 3) Training of school teachers and parents about ear diseases and deafness for prevention of deafness.

Our motivation is to cover the children belonging to the poorest of the poorest families of Nepal. Till date, ECN has conducted ear screening program among 167,385 children.

Buddhist Monastic School Based Ear Health Program

Ear Care Nepal has been extending its services to another much needed population: young monks and nuns residing at Buddhist monastic schools (traditional schools that are set up in Buddhist monasteries) of different parts of Nepal.

Children who attend these schools are predominantly of Tibetan origin and hail from remote Himalayan regions of Nepal.

There is high prevalence of ear diseases and hearing impairment in these children. Remote geographic locations, limited health care facilities, lack of awareness about ear diseases, poor nutrition and hygiene and the deprived socio-economic status contributes to high prevalence of ear diseases among these children.



ECN has screened and treated 8,466 of these children for ear diseases and hearing loss.

Heal & HearingTrek

In Nepal, 86% of the population lives in rural area. Within just 200Km, Nepal's topography changes from the flat plains to the highest Himalayan range. This program focuses on the most underprivileged children from remote Himalayan areas of Nepal.

This is an essential program for prevention of deafness in remote areas. Awareness about ear health, financial status, lack of medical facilities and difficult access to medical care are few factors for very high prevalence of ear disease and deafness in rural areas of Nepal.



ECN has screened and treated **9,037 children** from **6 mountainous districts** of rural Nepal.

A team consisting of ENT Surgeon, Audiometric technician, Community Ear Assistant and supporting staffs trek days visiting schools based in remote Himalayan regions carrying medical equipment, providing primary ear care education and treatment. Till date, ECN has conducted mobile ear screening and surgical camp where there are no motorable roads such as Humla, Jumla, Dolpa, Solukhumbhu, Kavrepalanchowk, Helambu, and Upper Mustang.

School Nurse Training Programs

The shortage of trained medical personnel has led to a high prevalence of ear and hearing problems in Nepal. To address this, ECN provides specialized training programs. Building on the success of Nepal's Female Community Health Volunteers (FCHV) program established in the 1980s and serving as the backbone of the country's preventive health system, we aim to equip these trusted community workers with skills to identify and manage ear and hearing issues effectively.

FCHV

ECN Team conducted educational and awareness programs at the particular ward of the municipality, with 10-15 FCHVs at each training session. Training is provided using ECN education materials such as power points, animated videos, and awareness songs about ear and hearing care.

CEA

Community Ear Assistants (CEA) is a 3-month intensive training program. They help with hearing checkups, teaches basic ear care, collects information about possible risk factors, and assists the surgeon during and after surgeries.

Nurse training

In collaboration with schools, ECN offers a 1 week training program to help school nurses develop a keen eye to identify symptoms of ear diseases and hearing loss.

At the end of the program, animated booklets and educational posters about ear and hearing care and a certificate of participation are handed out to all the participants.

Since the start of the program in 2020, 2,171 FCHV and health workers from 134 communities have been educated about primary ear and hearing care.

Our own Education Materials

Ear Care Nepal has developed its own education materials to create awareness about ear and hearing care among the children and their parents and to train health workers.



[Story about Maya's Ear](#)

This is a 5min animated video created in 2021. The main purpose of this clip is to spread awareness on ear and hearing care in Nepal. The video is created in Nepalese and translated in English.



[Awareness Song](#)

Released in March 2020 as an awareness song on hearing loss. The song was composed by Mr. Sarad Shrestha, sang by the ethnic sarangi player of Nepal, *Ms. Barta Gandharba* & lyrics by Dr. Milan Maharjan from ECN.



[Comic Book](#)

Their visual format helps explain medical ideas in a clear and engaging way, especially for children and communities with limited health-literacy levels. Characters and stories can show practical behaviors.



[Education Flip Charts](#)

A simple interactive aid to support communication, learning, and participation during our school screening visits



[Primary Education Manual](#)

By combining education with appealing illustrations and simple explanation, it strengthens community awareness, encourage early care-seeking, and promote long-term habits that protect hearing.

Surgeries & Rehabilitation

Development of antimicrobials in the twentieth century made it easy to control ear infection, and then with development of the operating microscopes in later days made ear surgeries more effective than ever before. **Ear surgeries if performed on time not only improves hearing, but also prevents life threatening complications and further deterioration of hearing.**

After initial screening at their respective schools, children who needed surgical interventions are referred to Ear Care Nepal-Ripa Referral Center.

Re-Evaluation

Consultant ENT surgeons re-evaluate the children and respective parents are counselled about the ear surgery; its benefits and possible complications.

Preparations & Ear Surgery

Following initial pre-operative preparations, a medical team consisting of senior consultant ENT surgeons, competent anesthesiologists and a senior nurse perform the surgeries.

Recovery

Following ear surgery, children recover in a clean and safe six-bed ward allocated especially for ECN.

The modular operating theater is equipped with the most advanced medical facilities including *Leica Wild operating microscope*. Ear surgeries ECN regularly performs includes Mastoidectomy, Atticotomy, Tympanoplasty, Ossiculoplasty, Myringoplasty, and Ventilation tube insertion.

Since its establishment, Ear Care Nepal team have performed 1 163 major ear surgeries from which 641(55%) were for boys and 522(45%) for girls, giving safe and better hearing to the most underprivileged children.

Let's dream together: A Bold Vision for Sustainable Hearing Health in Nepal

For years, our mission has been to prevent and treat ear diseases, restoring hearing and transforming lives. While partnerships with hospitals like Nidan and Star have been invaluable, we know that true impact and sustainability require taking ownership of our care delivery.

We wanted to share with you one of our biggest dream which is ambitious: to be able one day, to build our own hospitals and clinics across Nepal, creating a self-sufficient network dedicated solely to hearing health. This is more than infrastructure, it is a commitment to a future where quality ear care is accessible to all, regardless of geography or income.



Owning our facilities would allow us to:

- Expand reach and equity: Deliver prevention, screening, and treatment services in both urban centers and the most remote communities.
- Ensure continuity of care: Provide consistent, long-term follow-up that builds trust and improves outcomes.
- Innovate for impact: Implement cutting-edge solutions such as tele-audiology, low-cost hearing aids, and community-based prevention programs.
- Strengthen Nepal's healthcare workforce: Train local audiologists, ENT specialists, and technicians to build expertise within the country.

By supporting this vision, donors and partners become part of a transformative movement, helping Ear Care Nepal evolve from a program-based NGO into a sustainable, high-impact organization capable of preventing hearing loss, treating ear diseases, and changing lives at scale.

ECN BUDGET *

Our budget is carefully allocated to maximize every dollar invested in serving our beneficiaries. By providing financial support, you help us expand our reach and create lasting change within the communities we serve.

EXPENSES	% use of budget
ECN Team Salaries/Allowances/ Administration management (ENT surgeons, Finance officer, Community Ear Assistants, Program Coordinator, Field Coordinator, Driver)	25%
ECN Programs School Ear Screening/ Surgical/ Hearing Aid/ Community Training /Heal & Trek/ Education Material	51%
Ear Care Nepal- Ripa Referral Center Hospital Space/ Utilities Cost (medical equipment and material)/ECN Office)	23%
Other Direct Cost (Repair & Maintenance and Unanticipated Cost)	1%

**Detail budget can be send upon request*

For the past twelve years, our team has worked tirelessly to bring hope and healing to those in need, often achieving what many would call miracles. **Yet, behind every success lies a constant challenge: the uncertainty of funding from year to year.**

To secure the future of our mission, we are seeking dedicated financial partners who believe in lasting change. **Your support, whether through an annual, three-year, or five-year commitment, collaboration in purchasing medical equipment and medicines, or funding for our administrative development, can make all the difference.** Together, we can ensure that our work not only continues but grows stronger, reaching more people and transforming more lives for years to come.

FUNDING



The Ear Care Nepal (ECN) initiative thrives on the generosity and commitment of our community. A large part of our work is made possible through local partnerships and the personal contributions of friends and families, making ECN a truly community-driven organization with a distinctive grassroots spirit.

In addition to this invaluable local support, ECN has been honored to receive help over the years from esteemed local and international partners, including *Star Hospital, Rooster Logic, Myriad USA, Eurofins Foundation, Metlife Nepal, Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Women Forum of Australia, Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town (Nepal), Direct Relief (USA), Samsara Nepal Spain, Ripa Siddhi Sangathan (Nepal)*, and many more.

Their contributions have enabled ECN to conduct life-changing ear screening and surgical programs in schools across Nepal, helping children regain hearing, confidence, and opportunities for a brighter future.

While we are proud of these achievements, our reliance on ad-hoc and annual contributions means that the continuity of these programs is uncertain from year to year.

To expand and sustain our impact, ECN is seeking partners and sponsors willing to provide long-term, reliable support. **With sustainable funding, we can plan ahead, reach more children, and ensure that vital ear care programs continue uninterrupted, transforming lives across Nepal for years to come.**



So, HOW can you support us?

You can make a real difference by supporting us in the following ways:

1. Make a Donation:

- Ear Surgeries: Your donation can fund life-changing ear surgeries for those who cannot afford them. USD 250=1 surgery
- Medical Equipment: Help us buy and maintain the medical equipment essential for our work.
- Medicine for Screenings: Support the purchase of medicines we distribute during our ear health screening camps.
- Transportation: Contribute to buying a new van, enabling us to reach schools and rural communities more efficiently.
- Support any of our programs: contributes to our mobile ear screening camp (community school, buddhist school, rural areas), the training of health worker, surgeries and rehabilitation, for the creation of education materials.

2. Connect Us with Opportunities:

If you know of grants, potential donors or partner organizations (local and international) that could support our mission, your referral can help us expand our impact.

3. Volunteer Your Expertise:

Join our dedicated team by sharing your skills in:

- Medical care and health services
- Communication and awareness campaigns
- Fundraising initiatives
- IT and web development
- Organizational management
- Monitoring and evaluation

Your support helps us bring hope, health, and life-changing ear care to communities who need it most.

DONATE



At the moment, we do not yet have an online donation platform. The only way to make a contribution is through an international bank transfer. All the necessary banking details can be found below

Ear Care Nepal Address:

Ear Care Nepal - Ripa Referral Center
(4th Floor) Star Hospital, Sanepa Height,
Ring Road, Lalitpur, Nepal

Account number: 12004682860015

Swift Code: HIMANPKA

Bank: Himalayan Bank

Bank address:

Pulchowk, Lalitpur, Nepal

We truly appreciate your support. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us continue our mission.



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Contact & informations



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Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”- Helen Keller. It is because of the teamwork that Ear Care Nepal has been able to achieve outstanding results in a very short period and is able to work toward our goal of preventing hearing loss among Nepalese Children at a national level.

Dr. Milan Maharjan

APPENDIX



ECN's Publications

Since its creation, ECN has been the only organization in Nepal conducting purely school-based ear health programs. ECN has a major impact in the reaserch field. Indeed, the last large scale national survey, specially in children on deafness in Nepal was conducted in 1991.

ECN has since developed and carried out the first and largest study on the prevalence of ear diseases and hearing loss among school-aged Nepalese children, as well as publishing several articles in leading international medical journals.

[Prevalence of Cholesteatoma in School Children of Nepal](#)

International Archives of Otorhinolaryngology, October 2025

[Ear Care and Hearing Health Awareness Among Female Community Health Volunteers in Nepal](#)

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, September 2025

[Chronic Otitis Media and Hearing Loss in Nepalese School Children](#)

Global Journal of Medical Research: Dentistry & Otolaryngology, May 2023

[Early Results of Type I Tympanoplasty in Underprivileged Nepalese Children and Factors Influencing the Surgical Outcomes](#)

International Archives of Otorhinolaryngology, August 2022

[Prevalence of hearing loss in school aged Nepalese children](#)

International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology, April 2021

[Ear Wax and Hearing Impairment in Children in Nepal](#)

WHO South East Asia Journal of Public Health, Jan-June 2021

[Chronic otitis media and subsequent hearing loss in children from the Himalayan region residing in Buddhist Monastic schools of Nepal](#)

Journal of Otology, December 2020

ECN TEAM



DR MILAN MAHARJAN
Founder, Chairperson, ENT Surgeon

Leads the team and coordinates with government offices and schools to run ear health and community training programs. Holds regular meetings with officials to ensure smooth operation and collaboration.



DR SAMIRA RAJBHANDARI
ENT Surgeon

Conducts ear screening camps and provides primary ear care education to children, teachers, and community volunteers. Performs surgeries, conducts training activities



RAMITA MAHARJAN
Finance Officer

Oversees budgeting, financial planning, and record keeping to ensure smooth and transparent financial operations.



PRITY MAHARJAN
Field Coordinator

Plans, organizes, and manages field visits and logistics to ensure safe and effective program activities



SANGITA DHAKAL
Program Coordinator

Manages and coordinates program activities, ensuring smooth implementation, communication, achievement of project goals.



RAJENDRA MAHARJAN
Driver

Driver, maintenance of the medical vehicle

ECN TEAM



ROSHNA SHRESTHA
Community Ear Assistant



ANJANI KUMARI GUPTA
Community Ear Assistant



SULOCHANA BARAL
Community Ear Assistant

Helps with hearing checkups, teaches basic ear care, collects information about possible risk factors, and assists the surgeon during and after surgeries.



GYANI AWALE
Office Helper

Ensures a clean, comfortable, and well-organized workplace



ECN's Executive Members



DR. MILAN MAHARJAN
Executive Chairperson

Founder and executive chairperson and a consultant ENT surgeon, she coordinates with government offices and donor organizations to ensure smooth operation and collaboration.



MR. PURU RISAL
Vice-chairman

Senior journalist by profession and father of a deaf child is the President of Nepal UNESCO Journalist Association; Executive Committee Member of Nepal Editors Society.



DR. RAJESH MAN RAJBHANDARI
General Secretary

Program Director/Public Health Researcher, at Center for Molecular Dynamics Nepal -CMDN/ Intrepid Nepal



DR. GAUTAMI SHAKYA
Treasurer

Consultant ENT surgeon with special interest in Pediatric ENT, works at the International Friendship Children's Hospital, has pledged full support to the quest dedicating her valuable time to the foundation.



DR. PRAKASH KUMAR KAFLE
Member

Senior Consultant ENT surgeon at Hams Hospital. Regardless of his active schedule he gives ample time for ECN for this noble cause



MR. DHARMAPAL DONGOL
Member

A dedicated Audiologist/Speech Therapist has extended full support to ECN. He currently works at Aawaj Speech & Hearing Centre.

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HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN NEPAL

Hearing impairment is a major public health concern in Nepal, having one of the highest rate in Asia. Alarmingly, 55.5% of hearing loss cases in children are caused by preventable factors, often linked to poverty, lack of awareness, and inadequate healthcare services, especially in rural communities.



WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?

There's an urgent need for early intervention, education, prevention, and improved access to ear and hearing care across the country.



OUR MISSION

SINCE 2013, The ECN team, composed primarily of women, has developed 6 different programs to prevent deafness and conservation of hearing with underprivileged children and teenagers of Nepal, all free of cost:

- Government & buddhist monastic school ear screening (ear & hearing problem)
- Earing screening in rural areas
- Medical & Surgical Intervention
- Hearing Aid Distribution
- Community health education (children, teachers, guardians)
- Providing training to health workers



MEDICAL INTERNSHIP

ECN annually welcomes medical and nursing students for internships focused on hearing screenings and health education. Participants have come from Canada, Spain, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom.



HEALTH WORKERFORCE

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ECN TEAM → RESEARCH PIONEER

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- 1 163 ear surgeries performed
- 2 171 health workers trained
- 167385 children screened & treated



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