CHILDHOOD HEARING LOSS

CONSEQUENCES, IF NOT ADDRESSED

- Delayed language development
- Academic underachievement
- Social isolation
- Higher risk of injuries
- Increased poverty

STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION AND CARE

- **Strengthen** maternal and child healthcare programmes, including immunization and organizations of people with hearing loss
- **Train** healthcare professionals in hearing care
- **Regulate and monitor** use of ototoxic medicines and environmental noise
- **Implement** infant and school-based hearing screening
- **Make accessible** hearing devices and communication therapies
- **Raise awareness** to promote hearing care and reduce stigma

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ACT NOW, HERE’S HOW!