

Intervention Name

Management of hearing loss by provision of hearing aids

Fitting a hearing aid requires that a facility should be available for hearing testing prior to recommending a hearing aid. This is essential to determine the degree and nature of hearing loss and which hearing aid, if any, is appropriate. The tester should also be able to recognize common red flags that require specialist referral. In the case of children, it is important to have expert evaluation prior to hearing aid provision.

Health programme



Rehabilitation and disability,
including vision and hearing

Target population

Persons with mild to severe hearing loss

Service type

Rehabilitative

Name of procedures

Hearing aid trial and fitting, Adjustment and maintenance, Auditory rehabilitation

Delivery platform

Specialized outpatient services

Health workforce needs



Audiologists and Speech Therapists

Number of contacts: 10

Total contact time: 450 minutes



Medical Prosthetic Technicians

Number of contacts: 4

Total contact time: 180 minutes

Average number of contacts

(days per year/per event)

Outpatient visits: 12

Examples of health products

Medicines:

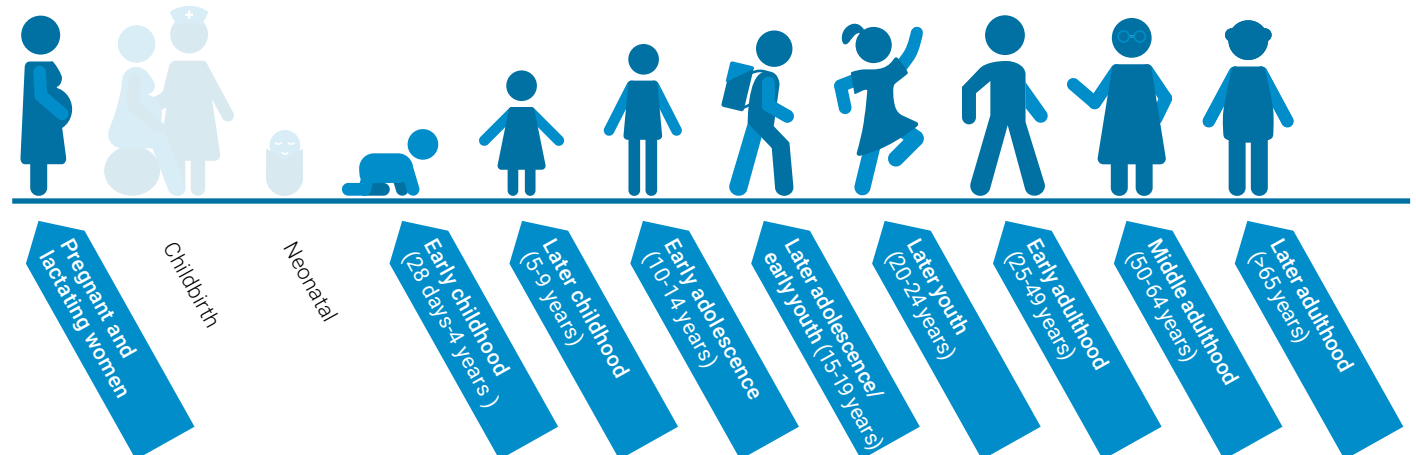
None

Medical and assistive devices:

Audiometer and hearing aids

Age/Life course stage

Relevant stages are marked in blue



SDG context



3.8. Other

Health impact:

Burden of disease / ICD classification:

AB51- Acquired hearing impairment

References

WHO GRC-approved guideline

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http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70_R13-en.pdf

WHO (2016) Priority assistive products list:

http://www.who.int/phi/implementation/assistive_technology/EMP_PHI_2016.01/en/

WHO (2017) Interagency list of priority medical devices for reproductive, maternal, newborn and child care

https://www.who.int/medical_devices/publications/interagency_med_dev_list/en/

Relevant ICHI codes

(Target, Action and Means):

Installation of assistive products for communication

UAF-Products and technology for communication

DP- Installation of assistive products

ZZ- Other and unspecified means