

Second- and Final Report ‘FREE EAR CAMP 2019’

On February 21, 2019 the team successfully completed the third FREE EAR CAMP at partner's HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL.

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Examples for patients

Arshan

Two-year-old Arshan, whom we called "the kajal boy" because of his strikingly made-up eyes, was relaxed and attentive at the beginning of the examination until adjusting the two hearing aids. He easily had his ears cleaned, his earmold pressed in, and he was interested in what was happening around him.





When he heard the first sounds, one could clearly see his astonished reaction to this hitherto unknown perception. As you can see in the photo, it did not scare, but seemed to please him.

Talha

The 5 years Talha arrived with an uncle from AZAD KASHMIR. The boy was very lively, alert, interested in communicating with gestures. The mother is hard of hearing. When measuring the hearing capacities, no reaction could be determined.



Nevertheless, we have provided him with a power hearing aid to exploit all the possibilities of auditory input and possibly to facilitate a development of the hearing capacity.

Talha is another potential CI candidate.

Asad

The 5-year-old Asad has a high level of hearing loss. He shows himself happy and lively communicating. The team is insecure about whether it shows a positive response just because he does not want to bother us. Nevertheless, it is decided to adapt a hearing aid to him and in 2020 after feedback from the parents to consider whether a second device can be helpful.



Summary FREE EAR CAMP 2019

In the 9 working days, the team was able to examine 269 patients, supply 79 with one and 8 with two hearing aids. Due to a lack of time, 23 children would not be adapted a hearing aid. They will be the first ones to be provided with hearing aids at FREE EAR CAMP 2020.

In terms of capacity building, the team decided to only help children with one or two hearing aids in the two FREE EAR CAMPS remaining for the HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL. They should be able to hear, speak, go to school and learn in order to have a future perspective.

At this year's FREE EAR CAMP, the hospital's management has sought to understand the organizational processes and take responsibility for them. In the last two years of the FREE EAR CAMPS at the HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL, we will intensify the training of local staff to ensure that the auditing, hearing aid and aftercare tasks from 2022 onwards can be independently performed.

The hospital employees Maryam and Nadeem, who were selected last year, show interest in the tasks assigned to them, understand what is required and are involved in the work .



23-year-old Maryam is already able to perform hearing measurements and Newborn Hearing Screening, to interpret the results correctly and to explain them to patients's relatives.

Visit to SAYA SCHOOL MAIRA AKKU



The day before the return flight, the team visited the SAYA SCHOOL MAIRA AKKU after compulsory back-briefing at the German Embassy and handed over 6 of the 18 laptops provided by labdoo.org. At the next visit to the HASHIM WELFARE HOSPITAL in connection with the Audiology Training Program, which will follow in March, we will be able to hand over 6 more laptops.

Before the visit 'a chance acquaintance' from the last return flight to GERMANY was visited. HJ Gerber had met at the airport in ISLAMABAD the SOUTH EAST ASIA representative of the companies Pelikan and Herlitz headquartered in DUBAI and told him about the school projects of PHzSH e.V..

The conversation ended with an offer to help SAYA SCHOOL with a writing utensil donation. The donation to be paid on 16 March will be very generous. All 722 students will be provided with a set of writing utensils and the school with teaching aids.



Thank you to all who with their cash and hearing aids donations enable us to help!

From Talbiya's face you can see - it's worth it!

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