

**Activities of Society for Sound Hearing India Office including activities of  
National Committee in Year 2013**

1. Society for Sound Hearing carried out Evaluation of integrated of Eye and ear care services of Dr. Shroff Charity Hospital. Evaluation was carried out in Mustafabad (Delhi) and Alwar (Rajasthan) by two external evaluators. Conducted indepth-interviews with 60 clients and 4 discussions in the community. Additionally stakeholders interviews, interviews of trainers and Vision Technicians were also conducted. The novel idea of leveraging existing Vision Centres (VC) to provide primary ear and hearing care services used in the pilot project has been found to deliver good results. It is an effective way of delivering ear care services to the beneficiaries in the resource poor setting by carrying out optimum utilization of the existing infrastructure and manpower.
2. A clinical camp has been conducted in a Primary School of Delhi in cooperation with department of community medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. During this event, posters and publicity material were displayed on community based rehabilitation, integration of services for eye and ear problems, noise pollution. This activity is carried out in collaboration with Chacha Nehru Sehat Yojna Programme. There was an ENT counter established for Ear screening and diagnosing ear problems in school children with help of ENT doctors of Department of ENT MAMC, Sound Hearing staff, guidance of Dr. Suneela Garg and Dr. G.K. Ingle HOD community Medicine
3. Vision 2020- The Right to Sight-India 9th Annual Conference on 6th & 7th April 2013 at Bhopal was attended by Dr. Suneela Garg. She delivered a presentation on "Strategies for integration of eye and care services" and presented the findings of evaluation of integrated eye ear project of Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital. The session was chaired by Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and co-chaired by Ms. Archana Bhambal, Sightsavers. The hard and soft copies of the report of evaluation of integrated eye ear project of Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital was also shared with the attendees of the Conference. IEC material developed by Sound Hearing 2030 were also displayed in the 9th Annual Conference of Vision 2020 organized in Bhopal on 7th April 2013.

4. MOU signed with commercial entity Alps International which has agreed to provide state of art high tech rapid fit Digital hearing aids to Sound Hearing at a special price of USD 59 per hearing aid for the Sound Hearing members for its designated pilot project sites.
5. In order to develop a formal relationship with WHO SEA & HQ and other International organisation a poster competition was organised by "Society for Sound Hearing" as part of the 20th IFOS World Congress which was held in Seoul, South Korea on 4 June, 2013. Poster competition was on the theme of 'Raising awareness regarding ear and hearing care within communities.' A panel of three experts judged the posters displayed. Prizes were given (sponsored by Sound Hearing 2030) for the top 3 posters. The session was organized to highlight the current direction of the WHO programme for prevention of deafness and various country programmes for prevention of deafness, some of which were developed with support from WHO.
6. The flyers and invitations for the World Congress were designed by Sound Hearing Staff and Honorary staff with guidance of Dr. Agarwal and Dr. Suneela Garg. Flyers and invitations were designed and printed as first information for participants to block their dates for conference which were delivered by Dr. Agarwal in Seoul conference. The process of designing website for the conference is on going. The process for opening a new account for conference with payment gateway facilities for registration of participants is also on going.
7. Documentaion for FCRA completed in guidance of Dr. A.K. Agarwal and Dr. Suneela Garg. The all supporting document with application for FCRA were submitted by Mohd. Aquil (Chartered Accountant of Society for Sound Hearing) . The office visit by the FCRA officials is done. All work for FCRA registration is completed from our side.
8. Under NPPCD a meeting was organized which was attended by Dr. A.K. Agarwal and Dr. Suneela Garg. In the meeting it was decided that ENT Deptt. Of medical colleges of 15 states will be upgraded to serve as centres of training and skill development.
9. The project titled "Profile of Hearing morbidity and identification of barrieers and challenges for access to Ear and Hearing Care services in children of urban and rural areas of Delhi" has been completed. The investigators of the project were Dr. A.K. Agarwal, Dr. Suneela Garg and Dr. Shelly Chadha.