

Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)

CDD is a not for profit organisation established in 1996 to develop a more inclusive society for persons with a disability.

CDD's mission is to educate the community on how to be more inclusive whilst also enabling persons with a disability to participate in society by providing them with essential supports.



3rd March 2020

CDD Celebrates World Hearing Day 2020

Background

On the occasion of the World Hearing Day 2020, CDD and a number of partner organizations organized different events. The objectives of the celebration of this day were to share information and promote actions towards the prevention of hearing loss and improved hearing care.



CDD's staff celebrate 'World Hearing Day 2020'.

Programme at national level

CDD attended a programme organized by the National Institute of ENT, Bangladesh where Mohammad Asadul Islam, honorable Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was the chief guest. The event was graced by Dr. Pran Gopal Datta, former Vice-chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, having him as its special guest and keynote speaker.

About World Hearing Day

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "Around 466 million people worldwide have disabling hearing loss and 34 million of these are children."

It is also claimed that, "By 2050 over 900 million people will have disabling hearing loss."

To acknowledge the caliber and potential of the persons with deafness, each year the 3rd of March is observed as 'World Hearing Day' worldwide.



Md Asadul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurates the programme on 'World Hearing Day 2020' at National Institute of ENT.

A discussion meeting followed by a rally were two of the important activities that took place at the event.

Hearing-screening camp at local level

As a part of its commitment towards the society, CDD organized a 'Hearing Screening Camp' under its 'Improved Education Outcomes through Early Childhood Development Centers in Bangladesh' project at Badda Government Primary School, Savar, Dhaka.



A student at the hearing –screening camp organized by CDD.

In this camp comprehensive hearing screening was organized for twenty-eight (28) students of different classes. Apart from the assessment, an awareness session was held to sensitize the students about hearing loss and deafness issues as well as on the significance of World Hearing Day.

WORLD HEARING DAY

2020

Hearing for Life: Don't let hearing loss limit you
- World Health Organization



WHO SHOULD GET THEIR HEARING CHECKED?

Everyone should get their hearing periodically, especially if they:

- Are over 50 years of age
- Work in a noisy environment
- Listen to music at high volumes for long periods of time
- Have recurrent ear problems/infections



TYPES OF HEARING LOSS

- Conductive hearing loss: Abnormalities of the external or middle ear
- Sensorineural hearing loss: Malfunction of inner ear structures
- Mixed: Combination of conductive and sensorineural hearing loss



CAUSES OF HEARING LOSS

- Chronic ear infections are the leading cause of hearing loss
- Noise is a major avoidable cause of hearing loss
- Hearing loss can be caused by occupational noise and certain medications
- Genetic factors make some people more susceptible to hearing loss than others



HEREDITARY HEARING LOSS

- Syndromic: Includes malformations of the external ear and other organ systems.
- Nonsyndromic: No visible abnormalities of the external ear or any related medical problems. It may be associated with abnormalities of the middle ear and/or inner ear.



ONSET OF HEARING LOSS

- Prelingual: Present before speech develops. About 80% of prelingual deafness is genetic, most often autosomal recessive and nonsyndromic.
- Postlingual: Occurs after the development of normal speech.

- Good hearing health allows us to communicate with and connect to one another at every stage of life.
- Correct and timely interventions can give individuals with hearing loss access to communication, education, and employment.
- Evaluations and timely interventions can help people with hearing loss achieve their full potential.



Discussion meeting at CDD

There was also an in-house discussion meeting, held at CDD, to celebrate the day by its staff members.



Discussion on 'World Hearing Day 2020' at CDD.

The programme was set to orient CDD's staff members pertaining deafness issues and the probable challenges that persons with deafness are going to face in future. Two sessions were also organized during the meeting, the first one was on Barriers faced by persons with hearing impairment in our society, which was presented by Shah Jalal Binte Sarna and the second on 'Situation on Hearing Impairment in Bangladesh', which was presented by Sk. Md. Faisal Hossain.



Session on 'Barriers in Communication'.



Presentation on 'World Hearing Day 2020'.

Observance of the day CDD's partners at local level

CDD has been regularly observing World Hearing Day since 2011. In addition to the events organized by CDD, a number of partner organizations are supported each year through different projects to observe the day at community level.



Local level partners are rallying to celebrate the day.

Activities supported by CDD include awareness raising, dialogue, rally, hearing screening, inclusive sports, court yard meeting etc. CDD produces and submits reports to its donors and WHO each year regarding the celebration of 'World Hearing Day.'

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