

# EAR AND HEARING CARE



## WHO South-East Asia Region

TODAY,

**401**

MILLION

PEOPLE IN  
THE REGION  
LIVE WITH  
HEARING LOSS

BY 2050,

**666**

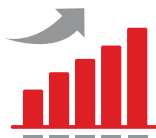
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PEOPLE ARE  
PROJECTED TO HAVE  
PROBLEMS WITH  
THEIR HEARING



The majority of people with hearing loss **do not have access to interventions**

Ear and hearing care interventions are cost-effective



US\$ 1.40



An annual additional investment of less than US\$ 1.40 per person is needed to provide ear and hearing care services

Hearing loss is expensive to communities and costs the region US\$ 108 billion annually



Over a 10-year period, this promises a return of nearly US\$ 6 for every US dollar invested