

## **EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES TO YOUNG CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT**

The Early Intervention Centers for Infants and Young children with hearing impairment were established in all 29 Districts through NGOs. The main objective of these centers is to identify infants and young children with hearing impairment and to provide early intervention services, including early detection and identification (Two and half years old), with support and training to parents and families to facilitate the maximum development of the full potential of their children having hearing disabilities. Only children with hearing impairment without any additional disabilities and children less than 2 ½ years are admitted into these centers, so that by the time they become 5 years old, they can develop verbal language skills and get ready for integration into 1st standard of regular School.