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INVITATION TO RECEIVE A HEARING CHECK FOR A COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECT

The hearX Foundation, in partnership with the University of Pretoria, will provide hearing services in communities. Many people suffer from hearing loss, and this project aims to identify community members with hearing loss and determine how well low-cost hearing aids and different types of hearing aid support work for adults in low—and middle-income settings.

What will I need to do if I agree to receive the hearing check?

All tests will be non-invasive, free of charge, and results will be made available to you. All testing should take about 35 minutes to complete. Should you agree to receive the hearing check, the following procedures will be followed:

- Questionnaire about your hearing (10 minutes)

Before your hearing is checked, you will be asked a few questions about your hearing as well as how you feel about hearing aids.

- Looking in your ear with a camera [Video-otoscopy] (5 minutes)

For this test, you will be required to be seated upright while your ear canal is visually inspected using an otoscope (ear-light).

- Hearing check (15 minutes)

For this check, you will wear earphones on your ears. You will be asked to respond to a soft sound (at different pitches) by raising your hand or pressing a button. This will measure how sensitive your hearing is.

Are there any risks or benefits for me if I participate in this study?

Participants will not be exposed to any risk or experience any discomfort during this test. Information obtained from this project will assist us in identifying participants for a research study on the effectiveness of hearing aid support programs. Participants who are not eligible for hearing aids or require additional follow-up services will be referred to public health facilities offering hearing aids or Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist services.

What are your rights as a participant?

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. You may decline to participate or stop at any time during the examination. This will not affect any current services you are receiving. You can consent if you wish to have your results used as part of any potential research based on this service. You can decline to have your results included in any potential research based on this service with no effect on any current services you are receiving. You can provide your contact details should you be interested in participating in potential future research. You can decline participation in potential future research or request that your contact details be removed with no effect on any current services you are receiving.

Infection control protocols

The community healthcare workers will bring in hand sanitiser, and all participants, community healthcare workers, and researchers will be required to sanitize their hands frequently. All equipment will be sanitized before and after each participant's tests. If the participant, community healthcare workers, or researcher feels unwell on the day scheduled for testing, the testing will be postponed to a later date.

Confidentiality

All your information will be kept confidential. Once your results have been captured, a number will be allocated to your results. All data will be analysed using the alphanumerical code assigned to you. Your name will not appear on any documents.

Should you consent to have your results used for research purposes, research articles in scientific journals will not include any information that could identify you. All the data collection sheets from this project will be stored for a period of 15 years in both hard copies and scanned electronic versions.

Before agreeing to participate, you should fully understand what is involved. Please do not hesitate to ask your hearing screener if you have any questions that this letter does not fully explain. Alternatively, you can contact us at info@hearxfoundation.org or send a *please call me* to 084 393 0717 (Khayelitsha), 073 842 3344 (Drakenstein district) or 081 881 8616 (Atteridgeville).

Sincerely,



Professor De Wet Swanepoel

Professor of Audiology & Primary Investigator

CONSENT TO RECEIVING A HEARING CHECK

I, _____, hereby consent to:

	I consent to receive the hearing check and that my results be used anonymously for any possible research publications on this project.
	I consent to my contact details being stored and that I can be contacted for any potential future services or research.
	I consent to photos being taken during the hearing assessment.
	I have access to my own personal WhatsApp
	I can read in English or Sepedi

I have read or been verbally explained the content of the consent letter. I understood the consent letter and have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and I am satisfied that they have been answered satisfactorily. I understand that I will not be reimbursed for participating in this project. I know that I may withdraw from the project at any time should I wish to do so. I understand that every effort will be made to ensure that I am not harmed while receiving the hearing check.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone number: _____

MOKGWEBO WA GO HWELETŠWA THEKGO YA GO KWAKWALA GO BAKA PROJEKE YA NYAKIŠIŠO YA SETŠHABA

The hearX Foundation, ka tšhomišano le Yunibesithi ya Pretoria, e tla fana ka ditirelo tša go thekga go kwa mafelong a setšhaba. Batho ba bantši ba ba na le mathata a go kwa, gomme projeke ye e ikemišeditše go lemoga maloko a setšhaba bao ba nago le mathata a go kwa le go utolla gore ditirelo tše di sa bitšego kudu le tše dingwe tša thekgo ya ditlabakelo tša go kwa di šoma bjang go bagolo bao ba dulago mafelong a maemo a fase le a magareng.

Ke tla swanela go dira eng ge ke dumela go hweletšwa thekgo ya go kwa?

Ditlhahlobo ka moka di tla ba tše di sa nyakego tsenyo, di tla ba mahala, gomme dipoelo di tla fiwa wena. Ditlhahlobo ka moka di tla tšea metsotso e ka bago ye 35 go fetša. Ge o dumela go hweletšwa thekgo ya go kwa, ditshepedišo tše di latelago di tla latelwa:

- Potšišo-phetogo mabapi le bokgoni bja gago bja go kwa (10 metsotso)

Pele ga tekolo ya go kwa e dirwa, o tla botšišwa dipotšišo tše mmalwa mabapi le bokgoni bja gago bja go kwa gotee le maikutlo a gago ka ditlabakelo tša go kwa.

- Tekolo ya tsebe ya gago ka khamera [Video-otoscopy] (5 metsotso)

Go tekolo ye, o tla swanela go dula o otlolotše mola sekgoba sa tsebe ya gago se hlahlobiwa ka sekgantšhisi sa tsebe (ear-light).

- Tekolo ya go kwa (15 metsotso)

Tekolo ye e tla go nyaka gore o apare di-headphone. O tla kgopelwa go arabela medumo e boleta (go mekhudugo e fapafapanego) ka go emiša seatla sa gago goba go tobana konope. Se se tla lekanya bogolo bja go kwa ga gago.

Na go na le dikotsi goba meputsaganya ge ke tšea karolo nyakišišong ye?

Batekgi ba ka se be kotsing goba ba itemogela bohloko nakong ya diteko tše. Tshedimosetšo ye e hweditšwego go projeke ye e tla re thuša go lemoga batekgi bao ba swanetšego go tšea karolo nyakišišong ya ka fao ditlabakelo tša go kwa le mananeo a thekgo ya ditlabakelo tša go kwa di šomago. Batekgi bao ba sa swanego go fiwa ditlabakelo tša go kwa goba ba hlokago thekgo e oketšegilego ba tla romelwa mafelong a pholo ya setšhaba a fanago ka ditirelo tša ditlabakelo tša go kwa goba ditirelo tša diphologi tša Tsebe, Nko, le Molomo.

Ditokelo tša gago bjalo ka motekgi

Go tšea karolo ga gago go projeke ye go ithaopa ka botlalo. O ka gana go tšea karolo goba wa emiša neng le neng nakong ya diteko. Se se ka se ame ditirelo dife goba dife tše o di amogelago gona bjale. O ka dumela gore dipoelo tša gago di šomišwe e le karolo ya nyakišišo efe goba efe ye e ka bago gona e theilwego go tirelo ye. O ka gana gore dipoelo tša gago di akaretšwe nyakišišong efe goba efe e ka bago gona ntle le go ba le khuetšo efe goba efe ditirelong tše o di amogelago gona bjale. O ka fa dintlha tša gago tša kgokagano ge o thabela go tšea karolo nyakišišong efe goba efe e ka bago gona ka moso. O ka gana go tšea karolo

nyakišišong efe goba efe e ka bago gona ka moso goba wa kgopela gore dintlha tša gago di phumulwe ntle le go ba le khuetšo efe goba efe ditirelong tše o di amogelago gona bjale.

Melao ya taolo ya tšhireletšo ya malwetši

Bašomi ba tša maphelo a setšhaba ba tla tla le sebolaya dikhumanego, gomme batekgi ka moka, bašomi ba tša maphelo a setšhaba, le baphenyi ba tla swanela go hlapa diatla gantši. Dithoto ka moka di tla hlatswiwa pele le morago ga diteko tša motekgi yo mongwe le yo mongwe. Ge motekgi, mošomi wa tša maphelo a setšhaba, goba mophegi wa nyakišišo a ikwa a sa iketle ka letšatši le beakantšwego bakeng sa diteko, diteko di tla iša pele ga letšatši le lengwe.

Go boloka sephiri

Tshedimosetšo ka moka ya gago e tla dula e bolokegile e le sephiri. Ge dipoelo tša gago di tsentšwe, palo e tla fiwa dipoelo tša gago. Datha ka moka e tla sekasekwa ka khoutu ya diphiri ye e beilwego go wena. Leina la gago le ka se tšwelele go ditokomane dife goba dife.

Ge o dumela gore dipoelo tša gago di šomišwe nyakišišong, dingwalwa tša nyakišišo dimakasineng tša borasaentshe di ka se akaretše tshedimosetšo efe goba efe ye e ka go lemogago. Matlakala ka moka a kgobokeditšwego projekeng ye a tla bolokwa mengwaga e 15 ka bobedi ka dipampiri le diphediši tše di hlahlobogilego tša elektheroniki.

Pele o dumela go tšea karolo, o swanetše go kwešiša ka botlalo se se akaretšwego. O se ke wa dumelela go botšiša sephenyegi sa gago dipotšišo ge lengwalo le le sa go hlalošetše ka botlalo. Goba, o ka ikgokaganya le rena ka info@hearxfoundation.org goba wa romela kgopelo ya "please call me" go 084 393 0717 (Khayelitsha), 073 842 3344 (Drakenstein district) goba 081 881 8616 (Atteridgeville).

Ka tlotlontšu,



Moprofesara De Wet Swanepoel
Moprofesara wa Audiology & Mophegi wa Ntlha

TUMELO YA GO AMOGELA TLHATLHOBOTŠO YA GO KWELA

Ke nna, _____, ke dumelelana le tše di latelago:

	Ke dumela go amogela tlhahlobo ya go kwa, le gore dipoelo tša ka di ka šomišwa ka mokgwa wa go se tsebewe (anonymously) bakeng sa dipuku tša dinyakišišo mabapi le projeke ye.
	Ke dumela gore dintlha tša ka tša go boledišana le nna di ka bolokwa, le gore nka kgokaganywa le tšona bakeng sa ditirelo tša kamoso goba dinyakišišo tše di ka kgonegago.
	Ke dumela gore dinepe di ka tšewa nakong ya tlhahlobo ya go kwa.
	Ke na le phihlelelo ya WhatsApp ya ka ya motho ka noši.
	Ke kgona go bala ka Seisimane goba Sepedi

Ke badile lengwalo la tumelelo goba ke hlaloseditšwe diteng tša lona ka molomo. Ke kwešišitše lengwalo la tumelelo gomme ke filwe sebaka sa go botšiša dipotšišo, gomme ke kgotsofetše ka dikarabo tšeo ke di filwego. Ke a kwešiša gore nka se bušetšwe tšhelete bakeng sa go tšea karolo mo projekeng ye. Ke a tseba gore nka ikhwetša mo projekeng ye neng le neng ge ke nyaka. Ke kwešiša gore go tla dirwa maiteko ka moka gore ke se gobale ge ke amogela tlhahlobo ya go kwa.

Tshwayo ya seatla: _____ **Letšatši:** _____

Nomoro ya mogala: _____