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Sub: Publication of a Report on Survey of Communication Disorders

Madam,

The All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysore is an autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and has completed 50 years of its existence. The Vision of the Institute is to be a world-class institution for human resource development, conducting need-based research, striving for excellence in clinical services, creating awareness and public education in the field of communication disorders. The Mission is to promote, sustain and provide globally-competitive, ethically sound human resource, quality education, original research, clinical services, and public awareness in the field of communication disorders. The Objectives of the Institute are to generate manpower in the field, to conduct research, provide clinical services to persons with communication disorders and to create public awareness about communication disorders.

As a Research and Clinical activity, the Institute had taken up a project titled ***Survey of Communication Disorders by Trained ASHA Workers & Home Maker Volunteers in the Districts of Mysore, Mandya & Chamarajanagara*** funded by the AIISH Research Fund which has been conducted at Four levels in collaboration with Karuna Trust, an NGO with Padmashree Dr. H. Sudharshan, recipient of the Right Livelihood Award heading the Trust. More than 2 lakh population has been surveyed, assessed and rehabilitated for Communication Disorders (Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders) in the first level of the survey for a period of 21 months.

The report (around 160 pages) of the First level of the project is ready and would provide information on the method of survey, percent prevalence of various Communication Disorders, and a comparison of survey done by ASHA workers and Home Makers.

The Institute would consider it as an honour if WHO could publish the report. I request you to inform us the feasibility of publishing the report by WHO and if so kindly inform me the method to be followed.

Thanking you and with regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Savitri. S.R.", is positioned above the printed name.

Dr. S. R. Savithri  
Director