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## BIG BOLD IDEA

**Improve access to life-saving emergency medical assistance for the deaf community and other vulnerable communities by offering a free, 24/7 mobile app.**

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

accesSOS helps save lives by ensuring emergency assistance is accessible to all, especially those facing communication barriers. accesSOS simultaneously leverages innovation to raise awareness and advocates for policies prioritizing emergency accessibility. Traditional emergency systems like 911, 112, and 999 are built on voice-only communication, excluding millions unable to hear, speak, or discreetly request help. accesSOS created a free, 24/7 mobile app as a solution. With an icon-based interface, the app swiftly converts text into emergency voice calls, sharing crucial information and location with dispatchers. Available in multiple languages, the app serves as a lifeline for those in need.

## PERSONAL BIO

Gabriella Wong is the founder of accesSOS, a nonprofit on a mission to make emergency help accessible. As a proud CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) with fluency in American Sign Language and a deep connection to her immigrant parents' background, Gabriella ignited her determination to fight for equitable access to emergency services.

Gabriella received her master's degree in public health from Columbia University. She is a Camelback Fellow and a Roddenberry Fellow. Gabriella has presented at the United Nations in Vienna, SXSW in Austin, and DeafNation. Numerous media outlets have covered her work, including Forbes, Vox Media's NowThis, AmeriDisability, and NBC Nightly News. She has authored opinion pieces, including for USA Today. Alongside her commitment to empowering women to take leadership roles, she finds joy in gravel biking, open water swimming, and rowing.

### Organization/Fellow Location

San Francisco, United States

### Impact Location

United States

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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