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Early diagnosis of any genetic disease has the potential to prevent severe health problems, including the most extreme condition, death. Newborn screening has evolved to the point that over 50 different genetic conditions can be detected. However, only a few countries have implemented a comprehensive testing program and the number of tests done on a routine basis can vary within those countries, depending on state requirements. For example, according to "Empresa Brasileira de Comunicação - EBC", in Brazil, more than 13,000,000 people suffer from some type of genetic disorder, like my brother. There, the number of screening tests also varies from state to state, with an average of only 4 genetic disorders being tested. In some other countries, this type of testing does not even occur. Newborns from around the world are lacking a proper newborn screening. The neglected children suffering from genetic disorders need your help. Let's give them a chance. "Sweet Odyssey" will teach you how.

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