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MOTHER AND CHILD

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Everyday, women around the globe especially in developing communities experience difficulties during pregnancy that cause complications which leave them and/or their children with severe disabilities and infections.
- ▶ 99% of global maternal deaths are occurring in developing countries, with sub-Saharan Africa having the highest maternal mortality rate (MMR) of 900 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.
- ▶ In 2014, 7.4 million children in the African region did not receive their 3rd dose of DTP vaccine.

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH:

- ▶ Based on Maqasid Al-Shari'ah every woman deserves a safe pregnancy and, eventually, an uncomplicated delivery and a healthy baby.
- ▶ Islam has given the mother permission to not fast when she's pregnant or just delivered to keep the baby and the mother healthy because the prophet PBUH said: "There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm"¹. "Do not throw yourselves into destruction"² (Qur'an 2:195)
- ▶ Since the introduction of the Safe Motherhood Initiative (SMI), maternal and neo-natal mortality levels are still very high in Africa.
- ▶ Child health and care is closely related to maternal care, it needs more attention to make any progress in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals target in under-five mortality and Neonatal mortality by 2030.
- ▶ High percentage of under five deaths in developing countries are due to preventable causes including: neonatal conditions, pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, malnutrition, inappropriate household caring practices, poor environmental and living conditions, HIV and AIDS pandemic.
- ▶ Mothers and fathers or other primary caregivers have primary responsibility in building the foundation, health and development of the babies.
- ▶ The prophet PBUH said: "There is no disease that God has created for which He has not made a cure that is known by some people and unbeknownst to others, except death."³

¹Narrated by Imam Ibn Majah and Imam al-Daraqutni and others

²Quran, Surat Aal-Imran (Chapter 2) , Verse 195

³Sahih Ibn-Majah.



CONCLUSION:

- ▶ Vaccination plays a big role in preventing diseases and keeping the community healthy and free from diseases.
- ▶ Vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children, and teens from 18 potentially harmful diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very dangerous, life-threatening, or even be deadly especially in infants and young children.
- ▶ On the basis of Islamic texts from Qur'an and the tradition of Prophet, peace be upon him (pbuh), Islam allows the protection from potential illness and treatment from a non-Muslim physician, provided the physician is competent and trustworthy
- ▶ Vaccination remains to date the most effective method of protection against a variety of mankind's illnesses and epidemics, and safeguards the wellbeing of the body, which is God's gift to us.
- ▶ In conclusion, Islam permits immunization.