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VACCINATION

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ In Africa 20% of people and nearly 1.8 million children under five die of vaccine-preventable diseases each year.
- ▶ One of the teachings of the prophet (PUH) is to take care of our family and to protect our family and have a healthy family.
- ▶ "All of you are responsible and in charge and you have the responsibility to take care of whom you are in charge over."¹ (employer in charge of his or her employees, woman in charge of her house and man in charge of his family).
- ▶ Whomever is in charge will be held accountable for what they're responsible over.
- ▶ Authentic hadith "It is an enough sin for a person to do as bad if he or she neglects those who he or she is in charge of"² especially his family, his children and his spouse.
- ▶ A very important issue that many families don't realize is the importance of the health aspect of their children. Eg. They meet the doctor at birth but they do not follow up taking care of their children.

ISSUE OF VACCINATION:

Why should we protect our children by vaccination?

- ▶ An important meeting was held in Senegal that gathered Muslim scholars from the entire continent including one of the great scholars Sheikh Abdallah bin Bayyah where the issue of vaccination was discussed.
- ▶ Major findings in the declaration:
 - > The Prophet (PUH) said "there is no sickness or disease which God has created for which he has not made a cure which is known by some people and not known by others except death"³. (Ibn Majah)
 - > This means we have to seek medicine and cure for illnesses and vaccination is a prevention for the disease before it occurs.
 - > One of the important rules in Islam: "Preventing Harm takes priority over bringing benefit" and here by using vaccination we're preventing harm.

¹Sahih Bukhari and Muslim

²Sahih Muslim and Abu-Dawud

³Sahih Al-Bukhari



- ▶ A man spoke during the Dakar conference and he was in a wheelchair and he was in tears saying that if his mother had made the right decision at the time and accepted vaccination maybe he would have been saved. That person later on became an advocate himself in promoting vaccination for children.
- ▶ Vaccination is the most important intervention in preventing diseases and deaths amongst children.

- ▶ Statistics show that vaccination protects between one and two million children from death. And also with vaccination we'll be able to prevent 7 out of 12 diseases that cause 20% of children's death in the world.
- ▶ On the authority of majority of muslim scholars "Necessities allow the forbidden", even the haram becomes permissible when it becomes (saving life).
- ▶ If the ingredients used come from prohibited material, after being processed that changes nature becomes halal (Purification process).
- ▶ The Quran says: "whoever saves one life it is as if he has saved the life of all humanity."⁴

CONCLUSION:

- ▶ Vaccination save lives and those health workers are saving people's lives, therefore whoever prevents them from doing their job or commits harm to them that person has violated the verse quoted earlier.
- ▶ Every child has great potential to be somebody that can impact our community and our society greatly and should therefore be protected.

⁴Sahih Muslim