

A CRITICAL NEED FOR BREASTMILK COLLECTION CENTERS FOR HIGH- RISK PREMATURE BABIES

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OVERVIEW

- Premature babies are highly vulnerable and face life-threatening diseases:
 - making access to breastmilk crucial for their survival and well-being.
- The rate of premature births in Malaysia has been increasing:
 - highlighting the need for hospitals to have sufficient supplies of breastmilk to save these at-risk infants.
- However, currently, only one hospital in Malaysia provides breastmilk on demand:
 - indicating the need for the establishment of breastmilk collection centers in hospitals throughout the country.
- This study employs a philosophical approach, using the concept of Maqasid Syari'ah
 - to argue for the establishment of breastmilk collection centers in Malaysia to save the lives, intellects, and progenies of premature babies.

INTRODUCTION

- Premature birth: a common occurrence in Malaysian hospitals → increasing trend in recent years.
- Premature babies: the most vulnerable & at high risk of contracting diseases → lead to death.
- Breastmilk is crucial in saving the lives of premature babies, as it provides protection against various infections and reduces the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
- However, most mothers who deliver premature babies encounter problems in breastfeeding, making milk banks an essential resource.
- Explore the establishment of breastmilk collection centers in Malaysia from the perspective of Maqasid Al-Shariah

Research methodology

Philosophical method :
investigate
circumstances &
bring awareness
to tensions
created by
problematic
situations and
necessity for
choice

Inductive
argument
employed to
demonstrate
truth value of
claim based on
empirical
research on
efficacy of
breastmilk for
premature
babies

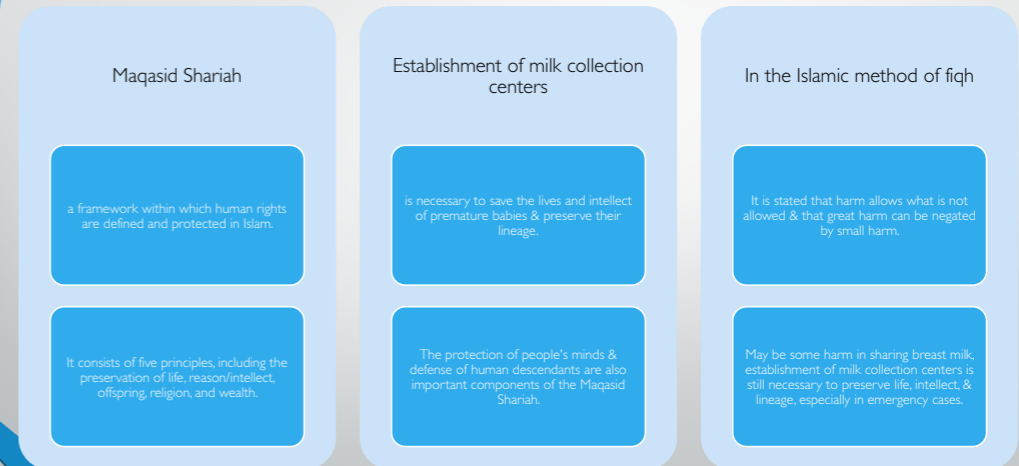
Shariah
objectives used
to further
substantiate the
claim

Philosophical
method of
speculation used
to present
possible
solutions that
can withstand
critical
examination

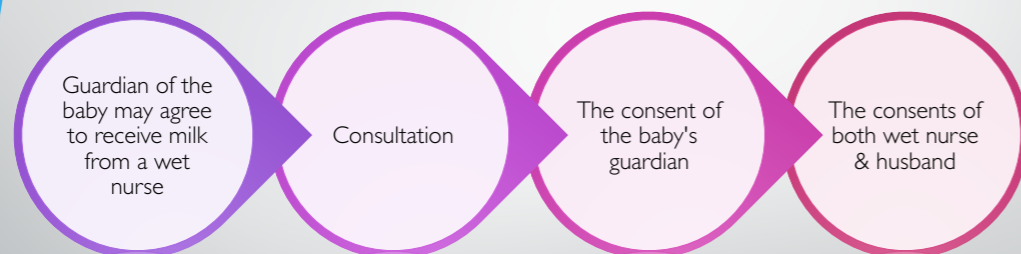
Maqasid Shariah Requirements for the Establishment of Breastfeeding Mother's Milk Collection



MAQASID SHARIAH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILK COLLECTION CENTERS



Signing a Mutual Agreement for Milk Sharing



Creates a lineage relationship (Wet Nurse & Baby)

The lineage extends to the nursing mother's siblings.

Biological father : Baby's father

The recognition

Implications of Breastfeeding

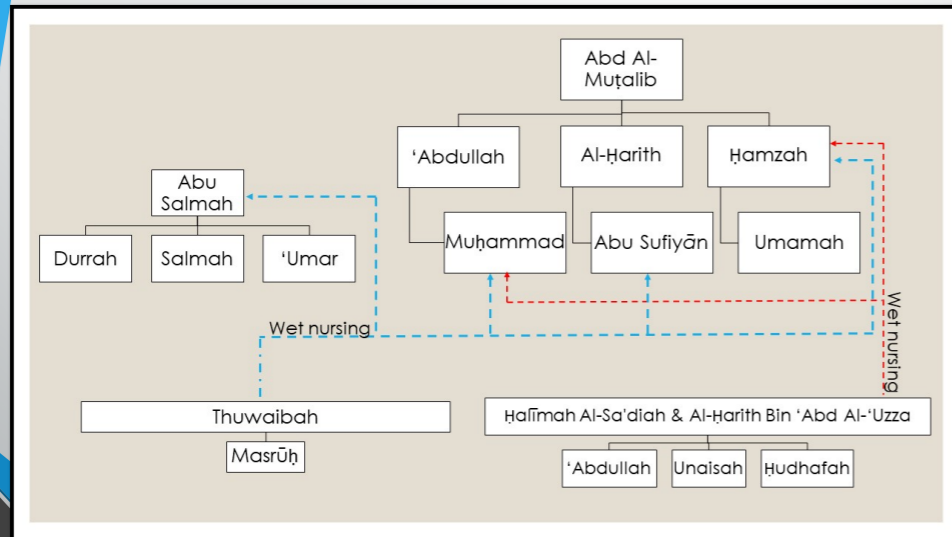
Children of nursing mothers → siblings to the baby.

Prophet Muhammad had a large lineage: 2 wet nurses

Multiple recipients of milk, introduced the next family to the 1st family

Lineage must be explained carefully.

The Milk Kinship of the Prophet Muḥammad Peace Upon Him



Breast Milk Collection Center Construction - Milk Donation Process

Breastfeeding mothers and fathers are given a thorough explanation about milk sharing, risks, and mahram effects.

They are given a choice to become a milk family or not.

Breast milk will be shared more than 3 times if agreed, and no more than 3 times if not agreed.

Once agreed, nursing mothers undergo health screenings and sign an agreement to donate milk to the collection center.

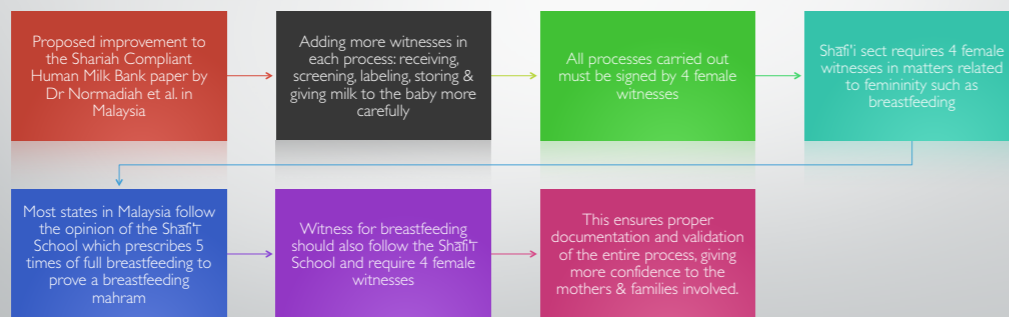
The milk collection center receives the breast milk and labels it with name, date, and time to avoid errors in documentation.

Parents of the babies who receive milk sign consent after understanding the concept.

Milk is given to babies in need after meeting and introduction session between the families involved.

Complete documents and witnesses are given to both the parents of the milk donor and the family of the milk recipient.

Witness in Breastfeeding



CONCLUSION

- The establishment of a milk collection center for high-risk premature babies is a necessity based on maqasid shariah.
- It is crucial to have mutual agreement documents from both parties involved to ensure safety and compliance with shariah principles.
- The milk collection center needs to be expanded to every hospital in Malaysia to ensure that all babies in need have access to safe and nutritious breast milk.
- It is our duty to provide the best possible care for our babies, and establishing milk collection centers can help achieve this goal while also fulfilling shariah requirements.



Thank you