

## Sermon/Khutbah Guides

### IMPROVING HEALTH THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND EVIDENCE-BASED PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGES

#### FUNDING LEVEL

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#### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

IMA and its partners have developed the following Health and Development Sermon Guides:

- Christian Sermon Guide to Save the Lives of Mothers and Babies (English, French)
- Muslim Khutbah Guide to Save the Lives of Mothers and Babies (English, French)
- Christians and Muslims Promoting Maternal and Infant Health (Rwanda-specific, English and Kinyarwanda)
- Maternal and Child Health Sermon Guide (Tanzania-specific, English, Kiswahili)
- Stopping a Killer: Preventing Malaria in Our Communities (Christian and Muslim, English)
- Malaria in Pregnancy (Uganda-Specific)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sermon/Khutbah Guide (English)
- One in Three: Preventing Sexual Violence in Our Communities (US-specific, Christian, English)

#### BACKGROUND

##### Faith Community's Impact in Health

IMA World Health (IMA) has long recognized and acted on the significant role that faith-based institutions play in delivery of health services in developing countries. Since inception, IMA has supported strengthening the capacity of the faith-based sector to provide quality health care services and build their connections with government, donor and community programs.



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#### PROJECT APPROACH

Faith-based organizations provide 30-70% of health care in the developing world and faith leaders are some of the most influential members of those communities. Using Christian and Muslim scriptures and pairing them with appropriate evidence-based public health messages, IMA's Health and Development Sermon Guides empower faith leaders to promote healthy decisions and behaviors in their congregations and communities.

Each guide is written with local customs in mind and represent a unique collaboration between the Ministries of Health, health experts, faith leaders and other key stakeholders.