Let's get vaccinated!

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Access to Vaccination
for Newly Arrived Migrants

Every year, vaccines save around 3.5 - 5 million lives around the world.They're a safe, simple, and effective way to protect ourselves against many illnesses.

MYTH: *"Vaccines are not safe."*

TRUTH:

Vaccines are safe!

There are rules around the world to make vaccines safe. Before we can get a vaccine, there are specialised scientists who make sure that the vaccine is safe and works properly.

MYTH: *"Vaccines are just for kids."*

TRUTH:

Vaccines are not just for kids. Vaccines are also for adults!

Speak with a doctor about the vaccinations you need according to your age and health! We can all get vaccinated, big and small. This way, our bodies learn to recognise, remember from childhood, and ultimately fight off the germs and viruses that we come into contact with. Thanks to vaccines, we have eradicated many sicknesses and minimised the number of dangerous diseases.

MYTH: *"My child was vaccinated once for a disease. So, they don't need another vaccine for this disease."*

TRUTH:

To work properly and protect us, some vaccines need to be done more than once. This means they have more than one dose, which can be given a few months or years after the first dose (boosters). So, it is important to give children all the doses. And as adults, we should make sure to do all necessary doses (and the boosters).

When children have all the doses of a vaccine, it helps them grow into healthy adults, because this way is it harder to get sick from serious diseases.

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When enough people in a community get vaccinated, it is harder for diseases to spread from person to person.

MYTH: *"I didn't vaccinate my child when I should have. It is too late to vaccinate them now."*

TRUTH:

It is never too late.
Talk to your doctor about how you can do the remaining doses of the vaccine that you or your child have not done yet. The instructions of the vaccination program are clear about how to continue vaccination for children who have not been fully vaccinated or vaccinated at all.

Vaccines also protect from other unpleasant effects that come from serious diseases. For example, someone may not be able to walk, may not be able to hear, may have spasms, problems in the head, or even die.

MYTH: *"Boys don't need to do the HPV vaccine (human papillomavirus). Only girls need to be vaccinated."*

TRUTH:

The vaccine should be given to girls and boys aged 9 years old and up. The virus is very common and can be bad for boys as well as girls.

The HPV virus can cause permanent damage like cancer in the reproductive organs of men and women, but also other types of cancer.

MYTH: *"I don't need to vaccinate my child for HPV which is transmitted sexually. They are too young and do not have sexual contact yet."*

TRUTH:

This vaccine needs to be given to girls and boys aged 9 years old and up. We shouldn't hesitate to vaccinate our children against HPV just because they are young. When we vaccinate our child from a young age, this builds a resistance to the virus early on.

The HPV vaccine is given for free to girls and boys up to 18 years old, but also to people who have other serious health problems. Speak to a doctor if you don't know if and when you can be vaccinated.

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