



General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. Dr. Rabbani says that the infant survival rate among very critical patients was less than 20 percent but with Child Life's intervention quadrupled to 90 percent-plus. How do you think this drastic shift could impact Pakistani society?
2. In the report, Dr. Qasmi speaks with parents who decline a spinal tap for their 7-year-old son who is likely suffering from meningitis. She says they declined because they don't trust the health care system in Pakistan. What problems might have eroded that trust in the first place? What can be done to increase public trust in the system?
3. How could poverty alleviation for families like Fatima Zulfiqar's help unburden Pakistan's health system?



4. Preventing child deaths helps lower a country's population growth rate. What accounts for this phenomenon and where has it been demonstrated?