



RAHIM VALUES

A PROJECT OF HEART

Reproductive Agency Honoring Impacted Muslims

GROUNDING IN FAITH

HEART draws inspiration for our reproductive justice work from our feminist understandings of Islam. Islam has played a role for many people seeking sexual and reproductive well-being. Our values support and reflect RAHIM: Reproductive Agency Honoring Impacted Muslims. The values are categorized in three sections:

Internal - to be applied in to one's self

Interpersonally - to be applied relationally

Communal - to be applied in a larger systemic sense and within community spaces

INTERNAL

Khilafah
MORAL AGENCY

We each have free will and with that comes the ability to make choices for our sexual and reproductive well-being. We are accountable to God with regards to those choices. Our decisions contribute to setting a standard for a moral social good.

Darura
NECESSITY

As the most impacted, we are at the center of the decision making process about our own sexual and reproductive well being. We know best what is truly necessary for our well-being. Our decisions are in alignment with our faith values, practice of kinship, and individual needs.

Ridha
FULLNESS OF CHOICE

In order to exercise our agency and practice informed consent, we must have access to the full range of choices available to us, as well as the information, systems, and resources that support these choices.

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INTERPERSONAL

Rahma COMPASSION

We respond to ourselves and each other with compassion and care. Especially as we navigate experiences of reproductive trauma, violence, or difficult decision making.

Hurma SACRED INVIOLABILITY

Each individual is a sacred being and if any harm is to come to them, it is a grave injustice. This includes reproductive violence and oppression where individuals are coerced into reproductive and sexual outcomes.

COMMUNAL

Shura CONSULTATION

We consult medical professionals, spiritual guides, and community members with technical expertise to provide assistance to the impacted individual to that person's satisfaction.

Maslahah COMMON GOOD

As a community, we move and act in ways that minimize harm to those who are especially vulnerable. The common good isn't about what benefits the majority, but is about moving with intention to center those who are most impacted and protect them from harm.

Fard Kifayah COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our communal obligation is to provide care and support for those most impacted. We trust them to know their situations best and support them in their pursuit of sexual and reproductive well-being. We carry the burden of this obligation and will be accountable for it.