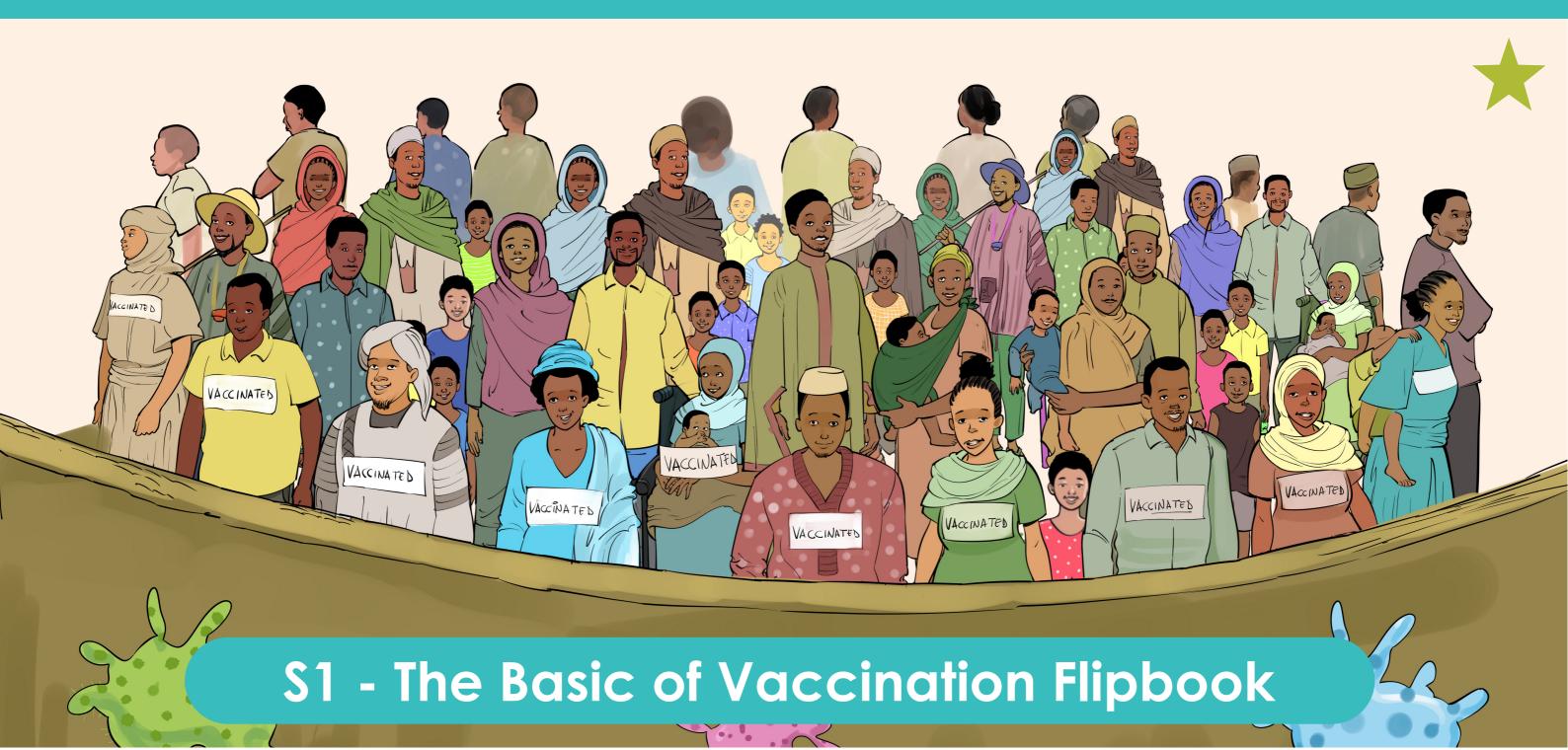
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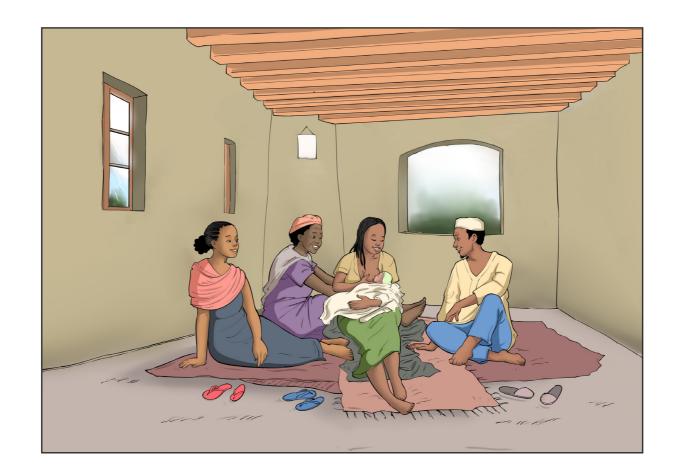
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Aminata and her husband Boubacar just had a son. They named him Daouda; they are very happy.







A few days after the baptism, Aminata noticed that Daouda was not breastfeeding. His body seemed to stiffen up like a board and he had muscle spasms in his jaw, neck and back. He cried all of the time.



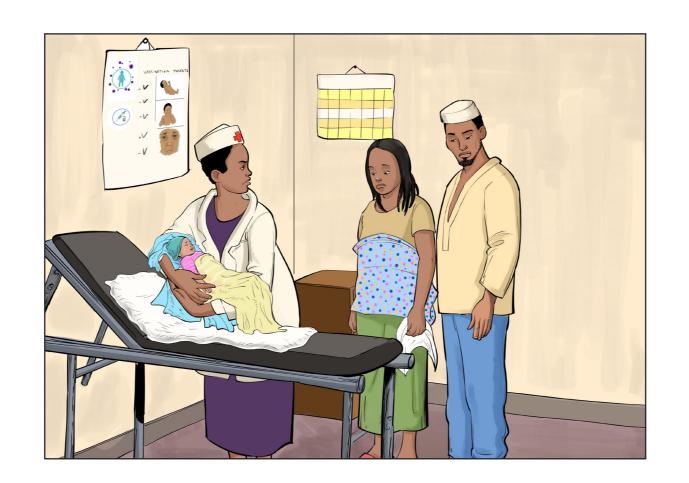




Aminata and Boubacar are very worried. They live very far from the health clinic, but they made arrangements to take their son to the closest one.



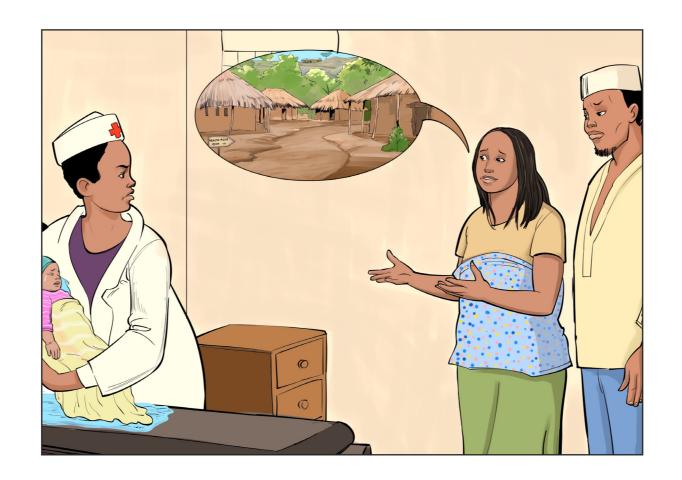




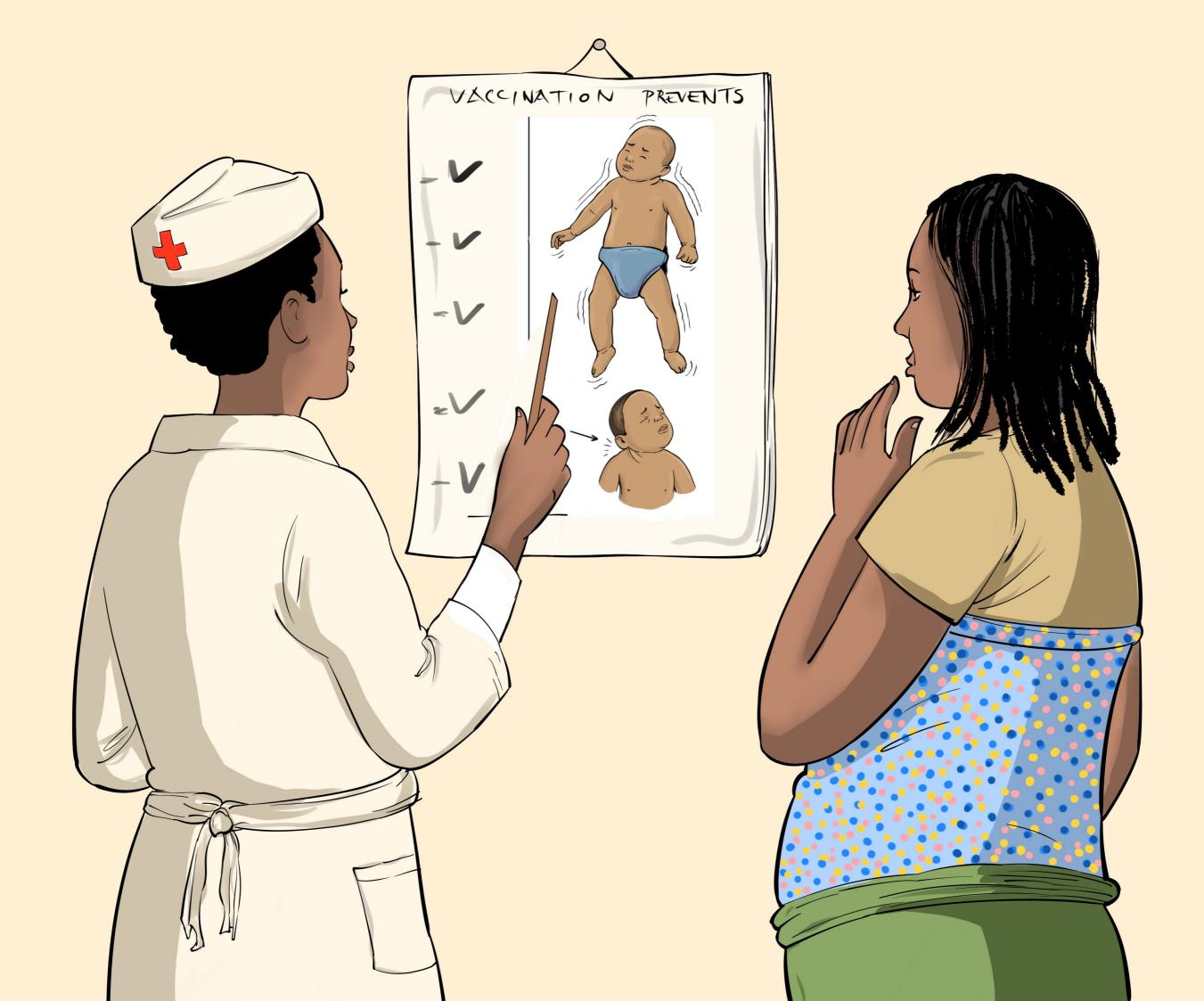
At the health clinic, the nurse told Aminata and Boubacar that Daouda had contracted a disease called neonatal tetanus which was very dangerous. The nurse asked Amanita if she had attended ante-natal visits at the clinic when she was pregnant with Daouda.



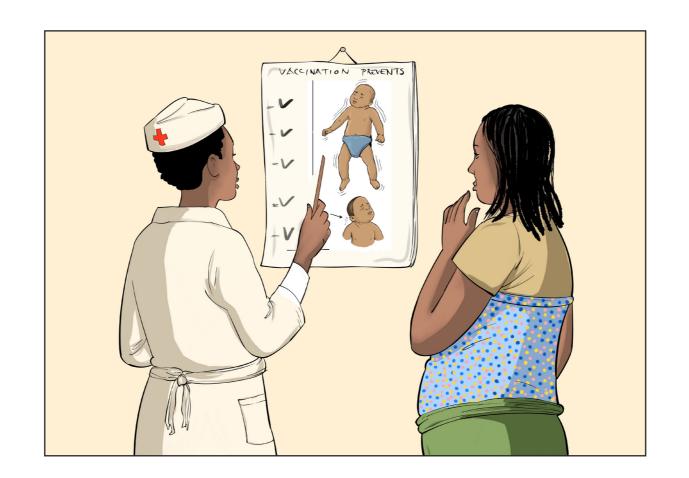




Aminata explained that they lived in a very rural community and that the health clinic is very far. She admitted that when she was pregnant, she decided not to attend ante-natal care visits.







The nurse explained that there are vaccinations which are important for a mother to get during her pregnancy that prevent this disease in both mothers and children. She explained that it was very unlikely that Daouda would recover.







Aminata felt very ashamed. She did not know about vaccinations and did not realize that they were important for her or her baby.





### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What happened to Aminata and Boubacar?
- 2. What do you think is likely to happen to Daouda?
- 3. Have you ever heard of a story like Aminata and Boubacar's?
- 4. Do you think that what happened to Aminata and Boubacar and Daouda happens to families in your communities?
- 5. Do people sometimes live very far from health facilities?
- 6. Do women sometimes not attend ante-natal care visits at the health facility when they are pregnant?
- 7. Are there people in your communities who might not know about vaccines that can protect a mother and her baby?



SAY: Can we all agree that these are problems in our community?

**SAY:** We've heard and discussed a story about some choices that resulted in negative outcomes. Now let's listen to and discuss a story about people who made different choices and see what happens.



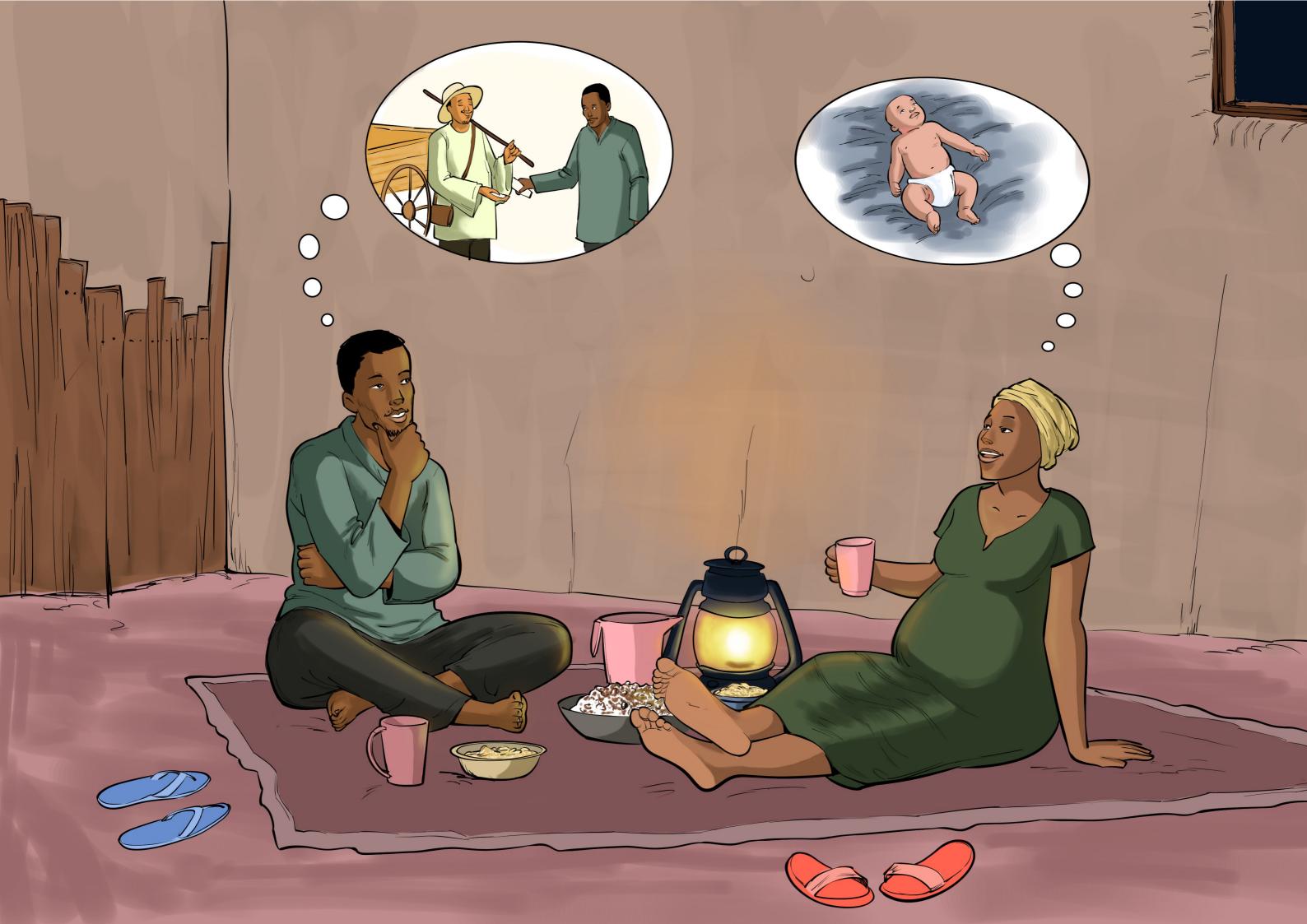
# End of session 1: The Basics of Vaccination Tetanus comes to Daouda







Bibatou is pregnant. She lives very far from the health facility. Bibatou's best friend, Mariam is also pregnant and told her that she was going to the health facility to attend ante-natal care. Mariam explained that there are vaccinations, or injections of medicine that pregnant women need to get to keep them and their babies healthy, along with many other medicines and advice.







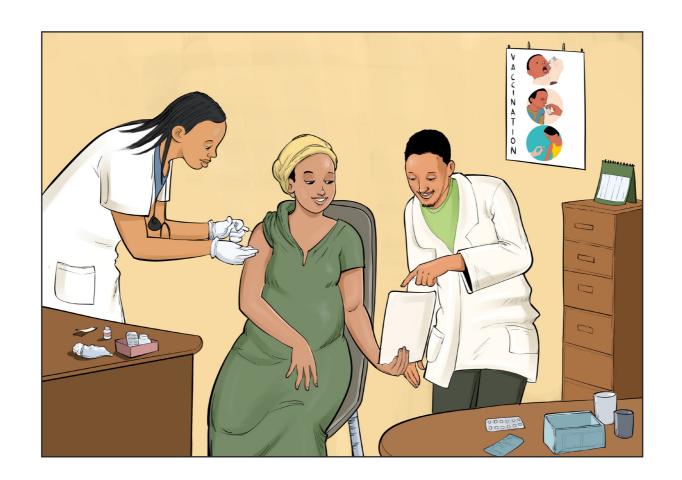
That evening Bibatou decided to talk to her husband Mamoud and tell him what Mariam had shared about vaccinations and how they teach your body how to fight off diseases that can kill mothers and their babies.

Mamoud said that he thought it was important for Bibatou to go. He said that even though it was very far, he would find the money for transport so that she could go.

Bibatou was very happy and proud that she had a husband who wanted to take such good care of her and their unborn baby.







A few days later, Bibatou went for her ante-natal care visit. The nurse explained that vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect babies from many different diseases by teaching the body to fight off the diseases when they are exposed.

The nurse explained that vaccines can be given by shots, or oral drops in the mouth depending on the disease the vaccine is meant to prevent.

Bibatou learned that while she was pregnant, she could get some vaccines that would help protect both her and the baby at the same time!

The nurse gave her the first vaccine and told her when to come back.







The nurse explained to Bibatou that children need a series of vaccines to protect them from several different diseases that are very dangerous and that cause thousands of children to die every year.

She said she understood that Bibatou and her husband lived very far, but it was important for them to start talking about how they could commit to bringing their child in for every vaccine once he was born.

Bibatou said she understood that it was very important to complete all of the vaccinations, both while she is pregnant and after the baby is born. She told the nurse that she and Mamoud would talk about it so they could be successful in completing all of her ante-natal care visits and the vaccinations that their baby would need.





### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What is happening with Bibatou and Mariam?
- 2. What do you think of the advice that Mariam gave to her friend Bibatou?
- 3. What did Bibatou do when she learned that pregnant women should get vaccinations during antenatal care visits?
- 4. What do you think of the support that Mamoud gave to his wife?
- 5. Besides that she needed to get more vaccinations, what did the nurse explain to Bibatou?
- 6. Do you think it is important that Bibatou made a commitment to the nurse to complete all of her ante-natal care visits as well as visits for vaccinations once her baby is born? Why or why not?
- 7. What do you think will happen for Bibatou and her baby?
- 8. Are there any ideas in Bibatou and Mamoud's story that are new to you?



**Say:** Now that we have talked about the stories and learned why some women have difficulties, let's talk about you.



## End of session 1: The Basics of Vaccination Vaccines for Bibatou Reach her Baby

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