

# DID YOU KNOW?

**Ranks OIC Countries in Mothers' Index (2015)**



Source: Save the Children, State of the World's Mothers 2015

- ✓ The **Mothers' Index**, developed by Save the Children, is a composite score derived from **five different indicators** related to maternal and children well-being. These are lifetime risk of maternal death, under-5 mortality rate, expected years of formal schooling, gross national income per capita, and participation of women in national government.
- ✓ A strong performance across all five indicators yields a higher ranking than exceptional performance on a few and somewhat lower performance on the others.
- ✓ Since indicator data were for 2013 to 2015, the numbers reflected conditions in those years in some countries.
- ✓ The only basis for excluding a country was insufficient data or a national population below 100,000. In this respect, 2 OIC countries could not be assigned a rank.
- ✓ Top performing **OIC countries**; namely, **Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, and Libya** ranked in top 50 out of 179 countries globally in 2015.
- ✓ Due to constant disadvantageous conditions for mothers and children, many **OIC countries** ranked in the bottom of the list.
- ✓ Out of bottom 19 countries (with ranks over 160) in the World, 15 were **OIC member countries**.
- ✓ Save the Children noted extreme conditions for women across some **OIC countries** that were ranked in the bottom.
- ✓ For instance, 1 woman in 15 would eventually die in pregnancy or childbirth in **Chad**. The risk was 1 in 18 in **Somalia** and 1 in 20 in **Niger**. 1 child in 6 could not reach his or her fifth birthday in **Sierra Leone**.