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Abdulazeem Abo Zaid (Author)	
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#### **Abstract:**

The paper addresses some of the Shariah issues related to the applications of artificial intelligence (AI), which entered an advanced stage after they have received wide acceptance and become more complex, with special focus on the financial applications. The paper starts with introductions clarifying the concept of artificial intelligence and explaining its levels and challenges. The paper treats the issues of discussion from both Fiqh and Maqasid perspectives, i.e., from a Shariah macroeconomic preservice that considers the implications and the overall benefits or harms of these applications. However, the Fiqh issues and the Maqasid considerations do not stop at what this paper presents as there are more issues that need to be addressed, especially with the unceasing development and update of these applications, which requires continuous follow up to evaluate and assess the new application from Shariah perspective.

**Keywords:** Artificial Intelligence, Maqasid al-Shariah, financial technology, Fintech, smart contracts, electronic contracts, cryptocurrency.



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Health Entrepreneurial Management; A tool for eradicating high rural mortality rate and Extreme Poverty in Decentralized Regimes in Rural Communities of Sub-Saharan Africa

#### **Abstract:**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), young people in rural communities are three times more likely to be unemployed because of health complications and under-funding of health related programmes and projects by both Local and Central Governments. It posits that about 70% of the global labour force within the rural communities have no access to accessible and quality healthcare. Self-medication which is an alternative to traditional and formal medical pathways is the recognized in most rural settings. Health Entrepreneurship which is a home-grown job creation and self-employment avenue for local health provision is considered the most sustainable and surest guarantee for improving the bizarre health situation and the endemic rural poverty situation. This entails using appropriate local skills and technology to solving the very basic health and social challenges. Countries like Rwanda, Ghana, Mauritius and Botswana are living testimonies to this. The United Nations Conference on Trade & Development 2020 (UNCTAD) report on rural health status sees local health entrepreneurship as a panacea to the canker of rural poor health situation and the endemic poverty. To sustain this approach calls for Targeted Policy Direction & Advocacy, Trade Growth & Business Development, Mentorship and Sustainable Funding Source for Local Health Entrepreneurship. This approach must focus on Youth Entrepreneurship, Women Entrepreneurship and promoting Intrapreneurship for Persons Living with Disabilities as well. These are the main actors affected by the ropes of unemployment and rural poverty & joblessness. Whilst Governments sign onto International Trade Pacts like African Free Trade Continental Agreement (AFCTA), conscious efforts must be made to build and scale up the capacities of Indigenous Entrepreneurs in key sectors like Agribusiness, Climate Change Management, Education, Health, Security and Transportation, Concessions in terms of quota purchase can be allocated to inspire budding youth and women entrepreneurs in the above key sectors. The greater focus should go into agribusiness since any nations that produces what it eats has the capacity to diversify into any other sector. This research work is geared towards enhancing rural health entrepreneurship and poverty reduction through indigenous local health entrepreneurship. The focus is on Youth, Women and Disability-led Local Health Entrepreneurship. The Research intends to evaluate how indigenous local health entrepreneurship can economically improve decentralized political regimes through revenue mobilization, royalty/tax enhancement, and job & wealth creation because health is wealth.

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**Keywords:** Endemic rural poverty; home-grown job creation; Self-Employment/Entrepreneurship, indigenous entrepreneurship, ,United Nations Conference on Trade & Development, Trade Pacts, African Free Trade Continental Agreement (AFCTA), Intrapreneurship for Persons Living with Disabilities, Targeted Policy Direction, Trade Growth.







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