The second question of Fatwa no. 14312 Q 2: A woman was suffering very much from a disease,

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so she made a vow that if Allah blessed her with recovery, she would fast the first six days of Shawwal and did not specify for how many years. Should she fast the first six days of Shawwal of the same year or every year? Is it permissible or not for her to give money to charity instead of Sawm (Fasting) if she does not have the ability for it?

A: She has to fulfill her vow according to her intention when making the vow. If when she made the vow, she meant fasting the first six days of Shawwal of the same year, she only has to fast those days, and she is not obliged to fast them every year; but if she meant fasting the first six days of Shawwal every year, she has to fast them every year.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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