



Jigawa is situated in the north-western part of the country with a population of 5,590,272 (Male: 51% Female: 49%). 86% of the state's wards boast of functional primary healthcare facilities. Infant mortality stands at 83 per 1000 live births; unmet need for family planning is 98.7% and the use of contraceptives stands at 1.3% (MICS, 2016).

Key achievements

- A 3 days capacity building workshop was conducted for key officers involved in free RMNCH commodities (Maternal and Child Health/Reproductive Health Coordinator, Cold Chain Officer and Essential Drug officer) across 27 LGAs in the state with a view to strengthening accountability for free RMNCH commodities.
- A learning event with the theme "Mobilising communities and harnessing domestic resource to sustain high impact and low cost intervention to save the lives of children in northern Nigeria" was conducted in the state. Key officials from the State Ministry of Health, State Primary Healthcare Management Board and other development partners working in the state participated in the event.

Lessons

- The State Outreach Days and the Jikadan lafiya initiative led to improved demand for immunization services and coverage
- Engaging with community members during dissemination of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) findings motivated community members in identifying and deploying community-level strategies to prevent maternal deaths

Transition and Sustainability

- The LGA Facility Health Committee (FHC) alliance review meetings at the LGAs have been successfully transitioned. Meetings now hold without MNCH2 support
- Advocacy by FHCs and Kamala Community Health Development Initiates (KAHDEV a member of JIMAF) resulted in the repair of the overhead tank of Malam Madori PHC (at the cost of N250,000) by the Deputy Governor.

“ Government need to recognised that people in the communities in which they're born, in which they're raised and in which they're based are in the heart of delivering people centred integrated health services. Therefore communities need to be at the centre of improving quality services, access to those service and ensuring accountability. This is why MNCH2 invested in building the capacity of community structures”

- MNCH2 Project Director Dr. Jabulani Nyenwa



Emir of Dutse and the State Deputy Governor inspect Mafita exhibition stand during learning event in the state.

Priorities for the next month

- Follow-up with State House of assembly for smooth passage of the contributory healthcare scheme bill
- Collaborate with Monitoring and Evaluation Officers in 10 LGAs to input monthly outreach data into Health Management Information (HMIS) Registers
- Work closely with State Ministry of Health to map-out other partners with interest in MPDSR activities.
- Participate in State Maternal Death Review (MDR) Committee review meeting to harvest unreported MPDSR data.

births assisted by skilled personnel
269,437

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
651,003

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
135,260

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
865,916

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
179,650