



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

- The programme supported the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) to develop a Costed Implementation Plan (CIP) for family planning .
- Healthcare providers from the 162 MNCH2-supported health facilities across the state were trained on how to administer Sayana Press – a newly introduced family planning injectable for women.
- 12 Master Trainer Mentors (MTMs) were engaged by the programme to provide mentoring and coaching support to 51 service providers trained across the 3 senatorial zones.
- MNCH2 built the capacity of 17 Local Government Primary Healthcare Managers on mobilising resources to improve sanitation at the facility level.



Participants during the development of the State Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning at Dutse.

Lessons

- Recognition accorded to one of the state's Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) drivers by UKAid and the State Government has motivated other volunteers to increase their efforts in supporting the ETS intervention in the state.
- The Haihuwa Lafia (safe delivery) vehicles meant for transporting pregnant women in the state to health facilities are being commandeered for political activities in the state, which poses a great challenge to having access to them for emergency cases.

“ Before, LGA MNCH Steering Committees were largely dependent on government for funding. But now MNCH2 has built our capacity on how to be independent and we are able to mobilise resources to improve service delivery in our various health facilities.”

Musa Muazu

Member, Gumel LGA MNCH Steering Committee

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government fully funded the Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response(MPDSR) monthly meeting without MNCH2 financial support.
- The SMOH has carried out a comprehensive medical outreach service in 12 hard to reach communities in 4 local government areas.

Priorities for the next month

- Support Sayana Press roll-out across all the local government areas in the state
- Follow-up with hard to reach health facilities on record keeping, National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) reporting, mentoring and coaching focusing on family planning.
- Provide technical support to the SMOH to conduct a refresher training for State Essential Drug Officers on Logistics Management Information System (LMIS) tools
- Follow-up with the State House of Assembly to finalise and pass the Contributory Health Care Agency Bill.

