



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

- 27 local government Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officers were trained on the use of Open Data Kit (ODK) android application for quality of care data collection and analysis across all the local government areas (LGAs).
- The programme conducted a review meeting with all the family planning service providers across the 27 LGAs. Discussions were centred around the challenges and key successes recorded in providing Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) services in the state.
- Women Development Officers in all the 27 LGAs were trained on providing mentorship support to Young Women Support Groups (YWWSG) to raise awareness on reproductive maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.
- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) to review and finalise the draft Jigawa state Contributory Health Care Agency bill before its passage by the State House Assembly.

## Lessons

The involvement of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and its affiliated associations in drafting the State Contributory Health Care Agency bill has led to identification of bottlenecks with necessary provisions made to address them.

“*Child spacing is actually encouraged by all religions, we need to raise our voices and make these services available to our rural women in Nigeria.*”

- Hauwa Adamu  
HTSP Service Provider,  
Yalwan Damai PHC, Birnin Kudu LGA

## Transition and Sustainability

- The Chairman of Birnin Kudu LGA Council has donated an ambulance to General Hospital Birnin Kudu to improve transportation of pregnant women health facilities.
- LGA Health Promotion Officers have been proposed to take over funding of Facility Health Committees' (FHC) activities, with their capacities built on the conduct of community score card, FHC quarterly self assessments, mentoring and coaching.
- The State Led-Accountability Mechanism on MNCH (SLAM) has developed a resource mobilisation base and secured an office in the state capital to ease advocacy to government agencies.

## Priorities for the next month

- Provide technical support to the SMoH to update the cold chain and medical equipment inventory assessment of state and LGA medical stores.
- Support the SMoH to establish and inaugurate the Quality of Care (QoC) Steering Committee at state and local government levels.
- Follow-ups with the State Commissioner of Health to have the State Contributory Health Care Agency bill approved by the State Executive Council and with the State House of Assembly for reading and passage of the bill.
- Conduct the annual state and LGA Organizational Capacity Assessments.



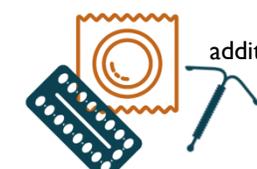
MNCH2 outreach team provides maternal, newborn and child health services at Hajin Bula, Guri LGA

 births assisted by skilled personnel  
**226,666**

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**579,019**

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**91,743**

 children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**772,688**

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**135,586**