

Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria and borders four Nigerian states as well as the Republic of Niger. It has a population of 3.4 million. Its economy is mainly based on agriculture. Under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000 live births, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most (98.4%) wards have a functional health facility (MICs 2016/2017).

### Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in distribution of Magnesium Sulphate, Chlorohexidine and Misoprostol to 28 supported facilities.
- The programme trained 15 Young Women Support Group members, 5 Ministry of Women Affairs staff and 9 civil society organisation members on effective methods of community mobilisation.
- MNCH2 supported SMoH to develop a workplan with a view to integrating traditional birth attendants (TBAs) with other community volunteers to improve health care delivery in the state.



Young Women Support Group members during a training activity at Farin Masallaci community, Damaturu

### Lessons

- Regular monitoring visits to Bade primary health centre by facility health committee (FHC) members has encouraged the service providers to treat clients with courtesy and report to duty on time.
- Directives given to the State Medical Record Officers by Management Sciences International (MSI) to leave a space in between the names of clients in the Health Management Information System (HMIS) registers has resulted in shortages of the registers in some of the health facilities.

*“Due to the rigorous mentoring and coaching by MNCH2 we can now distribute commodities from one facility to another with appropriate documentation to ensure availability of RMNCH drugs. This is system strengthening.”*

- Hajiya Maryam Habib  
LGA Essential Drugs Officer  
Karasuwa LGA.

### Transition and Sustainability

- Saving One Million Lives (SOML), in collaboration with National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), has supported the conduct of a 3-day refresher training to 178 emergency transport volunteer drivers across the state.
- The Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA) supported safe space initiative members to cascade training to 400 women on danger signs of pregnancy and other maternal, newborn and child health services in 24 communities across 5 local government areas (LGAs).

### Priorities for next month

- Support the State House of Assembly to conduct a public hearing on the bill to establish the Yobe State Drugs and Medical Consumables Agency (YODMA)
- Follow-up with Ministry for Religious Affairs (MORA) to develop a work plan and budget to ensure sustainability for demand creation.
- Support SOML to develop a distribution matrix of traditional and religious leaders training manuals.

