



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria with a population of 3.4 million and an economy mainly based on agriculture. Most of the state's wards have a functional health facility (98.4%), under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6% (MICs 2016/2017).

## Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported development of an MNCH scorecard and promoted its use as an advocacy tool during a public hearing on budget allocation that led to a 15% budget allocation to the health sector - for the first time in the history of the state.
- The programme supported the finalisation of reclassification of the state's health facilities according to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency's (NPHCDA) standard nomenclature.
- Facility Health Committees (FHCs) in Gasuma PHC of Karasuwa LGA and Mai Malarai PHC of Yusufari LGA have provided potable water, are maintaining sanitation in the premises and have engaged with health authorities to deploy more skilled personnel to the facilities.
- The programme supported the development of first edition of the Yobe State Essential Medicines List.



A trained service provider delivers immunisation services in Yan Kwanwa Community in Yunusari LGA.

## Lessons

Community leaders' active participation and a free venue for the Safe Space Initiative (SSI) meetings have led to a large turnout as well as cost savings.

“ I've worked in this facility for over twenty years, and we've never received any kind of relevant medical equipment support from donor partners like we do with MNCH2. We appreciate the programme for this gesture, and we look forward to partnering with you to provide quality and affordable healthcare service to our people.”

- Martha Shu'aibu  
Facility In-charge,  
MCH Machina

## Transition and Sustainability

- In line with its 'one PHC per ward' policy, the state government has directed all the 17 LGAs to appropriate funds for the renovation of at least 3 PHCs in each of the LGAs.
- The state government received donation of hospital equipment worth N2bn from the World Medical Relief (WMR).
- The state government has approved the placement of additional 110 medical student doctors on bond, to get them back to serve the state after completing their studies.

## Priorities for next month

- Build the capacity of the state and the LGAs to ensure smooth transition of community engagement activities.
- Institutionalise a functional Monitoring and Evaluation management system to address the stock out of Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools in facilities.
- Distribute drugs, medical consumables and equipment to supported facilities.

