



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

- Social Return on Investment (SROI) study was conducted in 6 Primary Health Care Facilities (FHCs) to review and assess the effectiveness of the FHC intervention and social return on investments made on it.
- An assessment of the role of FHCs in drug monitoring to ensure availability of quality and affordable drugs at primary health centers across 10 LGAs was conducted by SMoH with technical support from MNCH2.
- The programme staff were oriented on Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF) with a view to providing quality technical support for BHCPF roll out in the state

Lessons

- Open Government Partnership (OGP) has proven to be effective in improving citizens' engagement and participation in Health care activities thus strengthening accountability
- Conduct of quarterly review meetings by graduated members of Safe Space Initiative (SSI) at the community level has opened windows of opportunities for reaching and engaging more women through social gatherings.

Transition and Sustainability

- The Jigawa State Contributory Healthcare bill has passed its first reading in the State House of Assembly (SHoA). The bill when signed into law will guarantee sustainable healthcare financing particularly for the vulnerable population
- The State Government procured and distributed Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Commodities worth N75 Million across all the Primary Health Centres in the state

“It is important to converge health interventions and not create parallel programmes, our central focus is reaching communities with the most efficient and effective health care interventions”.

- Alhaji Kabiru Ibrahim, the executive secretary of the Primary Health Care Development Agency

Priorities for the next month

- Support Jigawa state to join OGP as a reinforcement of its commitment to more proactively and systematically pursue reforms that promote all the core values and principles that engender good governance as characterised by accountability, transparency, responsiveness, innovation and reforms
- Monitor the activities of Jigawa Maternal Accountability Forum (JIMAF) and FHCs as Accountability platforms in the state
- Follow up with Budget and Economic Planning to ensure submission of the draft OGP Action plan to State steering committee.
- Support the SMoH and State Primary Health Care Agency (SPHCA) to meet up with the basic pre-implementation requirements for BHCPF scale-up in the state
- Orient the State Steering Committee on BHCPF



Interviewers collect data during health facility assessment on the role of FHCs in drug monitoring and accountability at Yelwan Damai PHC Birnin Kudu LGA

