



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

- MNCH2's support to the State Emergency Routine Immunization Coordination Centre (SERICC) has contributed to the rise in immunization rates from 7% in February 2017 to 33% in February 2018.
- The programme conducted post training supportive supervision of previously trained health care providers in 19 supported health facilities aimed at ensuring that the providers are proficient in providing Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health services.
- A total of 6,693 women and children were reached with Integrated Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health services in all the 27 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the state.
- The programme reactivated the State Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) team and distributed ISS tools to guide the conduct of field supervision across all the LGAs.



Mothers proudly display their children's immunisation cards in Kudai, Dutse LGA

## Lessons

Engagement of the State Maternal & Newborn Accountability Forum as lead facilitators has laid a foundation for sustainability of the Village Health Communities by entrenching accountability at the LGA level.

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*Words cannot express our profound gratitude to MNCH2 for providing free drugs through the outreach interventions [...] MNCH2 supported the renovation of the health facility, which attracted the attention of the LGA Chairman, who has committed to building another structure.”*

Nura Redo,  
Community Leader, Redo  
Basirka, Gwaram LGA

## Transition and Sustainability

- The LGA Health Promotion Officers' commitment depends on the financial support received from MNCH2. There is a risk that if the government fails to support the activity, it will not be sustained after the programme exits.
- There is a high demand for Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) commodities in communities due to MNCH2 efforts towards raising awareness on Implanon. However, supplies from the state are low.
- The State Government is yet to make funds available to support the Master Trainer Mentors activity.

## Priorities for the next month

- Conclude support for the ongoing cascade training in the three senatorial zones of the state.
- Collaborate with State Emergency Routine Immunization Coordination Centre to further improve on RI coverage.
- Improve coverage of Antenatal Care, Routine immunization through Traditional Birth Attendants' (TBA) quarterly review meeting to track defaulters.

