



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

- Twenty-nine (29) service providers (13 Males and 16 Females) received post training supportive supervision on integrated maternal new-born and child health services.
- Efforts at the establishment of Yobe State Drugs and Medical Consumables Management Agency (YODMA) reached an advanced stage with MNCH2 supporting in harmonising inputs from the public hearing and producing copies of the bill to Yobe state house of assembly committee on health for third reading and passage.
- MNCH2 donated medical consumable worth NGN248,827,050 to the state government to boost healthcare service delivery at both primary and secondary health centres in the state.

## Lessons

- Providing non monetary incentives such as priority loading for ETS drivers motivates them and results in more driver retention in the scheme and further encourages National union of Road Transport workers (NURTW) to volunteer their vehicles for transportation of women and children with complication to health facility.

## Transition and Sustainability

- The State was assessed the highest performing state under the Saving One Million Lives (SOML) programme for result for the year 2018, received the highest amount of the newly disbursed funds as it got \$29 million (equivalent to N10.5 billion) to invest further on maternal, newborn and child health.
- In readiness to access the Basic health provision fund (BHCPF), the state has fulfilled the mandatory funding requirement of earmarking and making available NGN100m counterpart fund.



*The community demand creation structures, especially the ETS Volunteer drivers and male support group (blood donation) established in my community are key for saving lives. These interventions have eased our difficulties in accessing health care services particularly ANC and health facility delivery”.*

*- Bukar Musa Village Head Gasamu Jakusko LGA*

## Priorities for next month

- Collaborate with saving one million lives to train more traditional birth attendants on pregnant women referrals and religious leaders to promote uptake of maternal, newborn and child health services.
- Engage SOML to roll-out strategies for achieving Universal Health Coverage for the informal sector.
- Intensify outreach activities in hard-to-reach communities to improve routine immunisation uptake.
- Provide technical support to implement Data Quality Assessments (DQAs) in collaboration with SOML



His Excellency, Gov Ibrahim Geidam inspects medical equipment donated by MNCH2 programme at the central medical store Damaturu, the state capital.



births assisted by skilled personnel

**110,824**



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

**234,628**



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

**35,038**



children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

**308,924**



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

**96,045**