



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

- The programme trained 20 Jigawa State Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Accountability Forum (JIMAF) members on mapping of funding sources, resource mobilisation and monitoring funders' priorities.
- The programme mentored and strengthened the capacity of Local Government Planning Teams to develop demographic data with a view to informing health care service delivery within their Local Government Areas (LGAs).
- MNCH2 reactivated and trained 75 'Hospital Friends' in 5 General Hospitals - Birniwa, Bulangu, Kafin-Hausa, Gumel and Hadejia.



Orientation meeting with the newly trained 'Hospital Friends' at Dutse General Hospital

Lessons

- Engaging consultants on resource mobilization has given JIMAF a broader view of various funding sources, a better understanding of resource mobilization and different advocacy strategies.
- Engagement of the community members for the dissemination of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) findings has motivated community members to clearly identify the need to proffer community-level solutions and action to address maternal deaths.

“The opportunity of working with MNCH2 as a member of JIMAF has been an eye-opener for me to appreciate formal stakeholder involvement in dealings with government for the citizens' yearnings and aspiration in community development. What policy makers plan and execute are not what the people actually demand or need. In reality, citizens see development as alleviation from poverty and illiteracy, not the whims and caprices of some local champions with the opportunity to be in politics.”

- Ahmad T. Sa'id
Member, Advocacy Sub-Committee
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Transition and Sustainability

The programme has been strategically increasing collaboration with the Engage Citizens Pillar of the Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL/ECP) to ensure a smooth transition of the State-Led Accountability Mechanism's (JIMAF) overall accountability work, especially on budget tracking and the engagement of citizens in community participation for health.

Priorities for the next month

- Step down training on demand creation strategies for state partners, ministries, departments and agencies, Civil Society and Faith-based Organisations.
- Conduct of sensitization to Emirate Councils on promotion of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.
- Work closely with State Ministry of Health to identify other partners with interest in MPDSR activities.
- Provide support to the State Ministry of Health to adopt Task-shifting and Task-sharing Policy.

births assisted by skilled personnel
179,203

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
508,338

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
58,326

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
652,064

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
104,971