



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 and the use of contraceptives stands at 1.3% (MICS, 2016).

## Key achievements

- Results from the community scorecard show an increase in the client satisfaction rate with 92% of respondents reporting satisfaction compared to 76% last quarter.
- The programme has successfully mentored 27 local government area (LGA) Facility Health Committee (FHC) Alliances and FHC members, which resulted in more effective monitoring of the free MNCH2 drugs as well as improved feedback from communities.
- A total of 14, 570 community members were reached with at least one integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health service in 36 hard to reach communities in Mallam-Madori and Guri LGAs.



MNCH2 Outreach Team providing services in Maskadu Community, Garun Gabas LGA

## Lessons

Monthly supportive supervision visits to health facilities by the LGA team are reducing errors and improving capacities of health care workers on data management and documentation.

“Integrated community outreach interventions like the ones provided by MNCH2 are what Jigawa State needs to address the health needs of the poor in our villages, especially the hard-to-reach communities. They have combined sensitisation of our people, diagnosis and medicines.”

- Hassan Bukar  
Officer in Charge, Kundi PHC,  
Birniwa LGA

## Transition and Sustainability

- The state government released 225 million naira for the provision of 3 months' free maternal, newborn and child health services in 22 healthcare facilities.
- The State Ministry of Health through the State Emergency Routine Immunisation Coordination Centre is providing adequate funding and technical support for the push distribution system of vaccines from Centre for Medicare Services to local government National Programme on Immunisation stores and service delivery points.

## Priorities for the next month

- Follow up with members of Jigawa State MNCH Accountability Forum on advocacy for Task Shifting and Sharing Policy finalisation.
- Finalise, validate and disseminate the State Strategic Health Development Plan.
- Engage key stakeholders from the State Ministry of Health and Primary Health Care Development Agency to agree on handing over Data Quality Assessments (DQAs).

