



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 conducted spot checks across all supported health facilities in the 27 local government areas (LGAs).
- Results from the data quality assessment conducted showed an increase in data quality from 70% in the last quarter to 87% in the month under review, which exceeds the Federal Ministry of Health benchmark of 60%.
- MNCH2 provided technical assistance to newly-recruited health care workers and local government focal persons on effective utilisation of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) and District Health Information System (DHIS2).

## Lessons

- Engaging community members during the dissemination of Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) findings has encouraged community members to clearly identify the need to proffer community level action to address maternal death.
- Community efforts in saving women's lives triggered by findings from an MPDSR exercise at General Hospital, Gumel have resulted in a philanthropist procuring a solar-powered refrigerator to serve as a blood bank in the health facility.
- Quarterly review meetings between the National Union of Road Transport Workers and Ministry of Works and Social Development have resulted in an agreement to work together towards the development of a scheme for addressing challenges associated with the Safe Motherhood Initiative.

## Transition and Sustainability

- Despite ongoing advocacy efforts, there is still low budget release by ministries, departments and agencies to support community-level interventions.
- The State Government, through Saving One Million Lives (SOML), has provided a budget line to support State-Level Data Review and Validation Meetings.
- Jigawa State Government has captured integrated data quality assessments (DQA) in the 2019 Annual Operational Plan.

## Priorities for next month

- Support the State Ministry of Health and Primary Health Care Development Agency to establish quality of care teams in all LGAs.
- Transition MPDSR activities to the state agencies and the Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON).
- Follow-up with State Monitoring and Evaluation Officers to address identified gaps identified during data quality assurance in some of the health facilities.
- Support LGAs to review their 2019 annual operation plans.



MNCH2 supported LGA-level Data Review and Validation meeting in Kaugama LGA

“Data review and validation has helped us a lot in reducing under-reporting and over-reporting. I can confidently tell you that the data we submit to the State Ministry of Health now is accurate and reliable”.

- Auwalu Ibrahim  
Officer in-charge

Galambi Primary Health Centre, Gwaram LGA

