



Addressing the shortage of female health workers

IMPACT SUMMARY

- ✓ 427 young women from Jigawa are now professional health workers thanks to W4H.
- ✓ Indexed places per cohort in Jigawa's HTIs have increased by 211% since 2012 to 370 in 2020.
- ✓ Final exam pass rates at the HTIs have improved since 2012 and the pass rates are 80%-100% in 2020.
- ✓ The government of Jigawa has invested N98 million in funding the FYP since 2016 and passed an FYP law in 2018.
- ✓ Jigawa has committed to employ all FYP supported students graduating as professional nurses and midwives.
- ✓ The transformation of the infrastructure of the HTIs has been supported by Jigawa philanthropists.

Jigawa state

Population **5.83** million

Since it began in 2012, the UK aid funded Women for Health (W4H) programme worked closely with Jigawa's state government and other partners to improve the education and training of female health workers in the state. W4H's innovative Foundation Year Programme (FYP) helped young women from rural communities pass entrance exams to study on professional health courses. W4H support has transformed the health training institutions (HTIs) in the state and encouraged the government to open new HTIs and new courses. More qualified health workers than ever are now being produced – and new laws and funding have been put in place to ensure this will be sustained and scaled up.



W4H has helped **427** students in Jigawa state qualify as professional health workers



I am very happy for the increased number of women coming for delivery and I am very proud of working for my community as a health worker and helping my immediate society in general.

FYP student **Halima Muhammad Umar** graduated as a midwife and was deployed in June 2019 to the Primary Health Centre in Katanga, a rural community of 7000 people that is 12 km from Jigawa capital city Dutse. Within six months, she was assisting in more than 60% of the births in the community.

Our job is to save lives of people and help women in her community. It involves solving the problems of maternal mortality and reducing neo-maternal death and helping to reduce the number of deaths, especially in rural area. This work makes me very happy and proud.

FYP student **Shamsiyya Bala** graduated as a midwife in 2019 and is now serving in her community, at the health centre in Karkana. Shamsiyya recalls attending a home birth in a rural community and saving the women's life when her family thought they were losing her.

Celebrating the successful partnership with Women for Health from 2012 to 2020

HTI Indexed Places per cohort in 2020 (2012 in brackets)

College of Nursing, B/Kudu
Basic Nursing **100** (50)

College of Midwifery, B/Kudu
Basic Midwifery **70** (0)

College of Nursing Hadejia
Basic Nursing **75** (0)

School of Health Technology, Jahun
CHEW*/JCHEW** **125** (125)

* Community Health Extension Worker
** Junior Community Health Extension Worker

Total places in Jigawa State this year

370
in 2020

175
in 2012

The UK Government had done a lot for Jigawa State in the areas of education and health. The Women for Health Foundation Year Programme is indeed a true partnership that we all cherish and we will do everything at our disposal to preserve this legacy.

Alh Inuwa Tahir, MNI, former Head of Civil Service, Jigawa.

The transformation of health worker education in Jigawa

In transforming health worker education in Jigawa, W4H supported the HTIs in many ways:

- Refurbishing infrastructure and facilities, including constructing new classrooms and accommodation blocks.
- Increasing tutor numbers and improving the quality of education through training for tutors and new approaches including student-centred learning and e-learning.
- Improved governance, leadership and management including introduction of computerised record keeping.

W4H advocacy in Jigawa raised awareness of the shortage of health workers in the state and led to the government employing more health workers. The programme also facilitated strong collaborative working between the state government, local government, NGOs and programmes, communities and other stakeholders – which will help the achievements of W4H to be sustained and scaled up.

W4H support led to the health training colleges in Jigawa improving their accreditation status – full accreditation allows them to enroll the maximum number of students per cohort.



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