



Addressing the shortage of female health workers

## IMPACT SUMMARY

- ✓ 440 young women from Kano are now professional health workers thanks to W4H.
- ✓ Indexed places in state HTIs in Kano have increased since 2012 by 174% to 820 per cohort in 2020 – thanks in part to construction of four new public HTIs.
- ✓ Final exam pass rates at the HTIs have increased from around 50%-65% in 2012 to 85%-100% in 2020.
- ✓ Two private colleges of nursing and midwifery and four private schools of health technology have also opened with a combined capacity of 700 places.
- ✓ Kano legislature has passed laws for courses in Nursing and Midwifery, and for the new School of Health Sciences.
- ✓ The government has invested N196 million since 2017 into sustaining the FYP, and a further N4,000 million for construction of new HTIs.
- ✓ With W4H support, Kano recruited qualified health workers to deploy in rural health facilities.

# Kano state

Population **13.08** million (2019 estimate)

Since it began in 2012, the UK aid funded Women for Health (W4H) programme worked closely with Kano'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.



*I had always wanted to be health worker; I am particularly interested in Obstetrics and Gynecology so that I can help my fellow women. Pregnant women in my community are always consulting me; I go to their homes or consult with them over the phone.*

**Hauwa Abdullahi** is a qualified midwife recruited and trained with the support of W4H – she has served her community in Tumfafi since graduating in 2018.



*W4H really changed my life completely. I am now a qualified midwife working in our health facility. My community is so proud of the way I'm carrying out my duties. Attendance at health facilities was poor but now it is encouraging and people are really coming in large numbers for deliveries and clinics on family spacing. I am a role model in my community and they respect me and involve me in decision-making. I am a proud W4H graduate.*

**Sumayya Ibrahim Saad** is from Wudi and graduated from the School of Basic Midwifery Dambatta in the year 2018.

W4H has helped **440** students in Kano state qualify as professional health workers

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

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

### School of Nursing Kano

Basic Nursing .....	100 (100)
Post-Basic Nursing .....	30 (0)

### School of Nursing Madobi

Basic Nursing .....	70 (0)
Post-Basic Nursing .....	20 (0)

### School of Midwifery Kano

Basic Midwifery .....	50 (40)
Community Midwifery .....	50 (0)

### School of Midwifery Dambatta

Basic Midwifery .....	50 (40)
Community Midwifery .....	50 (0)

### School of Midwifery Gwarzo

Community Midwifery .....	50 (0)
Basic Midwifery .....	50 (40)

### School of Post-Basic Midwifery Gezawa

Post-Basic Midwifery .....	50 (0)
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### School of Health Technology Kano

CHEW*/JCHEW** .....	125 (125)
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### School of Health Technology Bebeji

CHEW*/JCHEW** .....	125 (125)
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\* Community Health Extension Worker \*\* Junior Community Health Extension Worker



Total places in Kano's public HTIs this year



“ On behalf of Kano State Government and the good people of the state I want to sincerely appreciate W4H for supporting Kano State in the area of improving human resources for Health which is one crucial pillar in our bid to attain Universal Health Coverage and improve on our high indices of maternal morbidity and mortality, and mortality of children under five years.”

**Dr Aminu Ibrahim Tsanyawa**, Honorable Commissioner Health, Ministry of Health, Kano

## The transformation of health worker education in Kano

In transforming health worker education in Kano, 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 Kano raised awareness of the shortage of health workers in the state and led to the government employing more health workers and constructing new HTIs. W4H support led to the HTIs in Kano improving their accreditation status – full accreditation allows HTIs to enroll the maximum number of students per cohort.



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