



**ADVANCING MATERNAL, NEWBORN,  
CHILD HEALTH IN BAUCHI STATE:  
The Progress So Far  
2009-2015**

**Final Dissemination Meeting  
July 7, 2015**



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Bauchi and USAID helped  
**save the lives of**  
**38,137 women and newborns.**

Including:



**706** newborn lives saved



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# Our Approach

**Increase use of MNCH & FP services**

Work in **partnership** with government, civil society, private sector and the people of Bauchi State

Work with and through **existing systems**

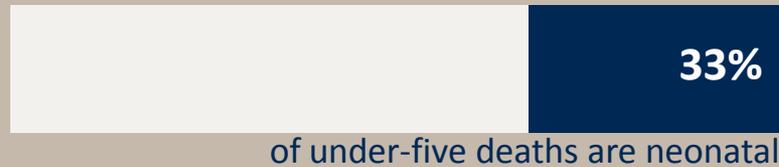
Aim for **sustainability** from the get-go

**Use lessons** to advance MNCH across Nigeria

# Nigeria

**168.8 million**  
Total Population

Neonatal mortality rate  
**37 per 1000**  
births



**5.5 children**  
per woman

A dark blue silhouette of a woman is followed by five dark blue child icons. The sixth child icon is partially cut off, representing the 0.5 child.

**-3.5% decline**  
In fertility rate  
from  
2008 to 2013

# Bauchi State

**5.62 million**  
Total Population

**43 per 1000**  
births



**8 children**  
per woman

A dark blue silhouette of a woman is followed by eight dark blue child icons.

**0% decline**

# First 5-Year Health Strategic Plan Developed and in Use



**BAUCHI STATE GOVERNMENT**

**STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**



**BAUCHI STATE STRATEGIC  
HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
2010 – 2015**

August 2010



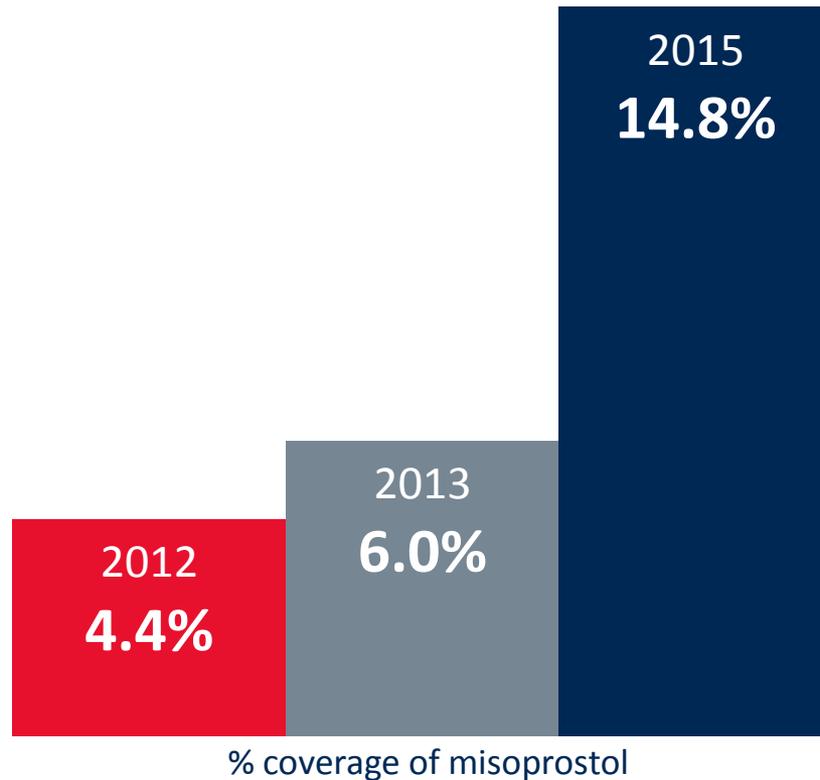
# **MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH**



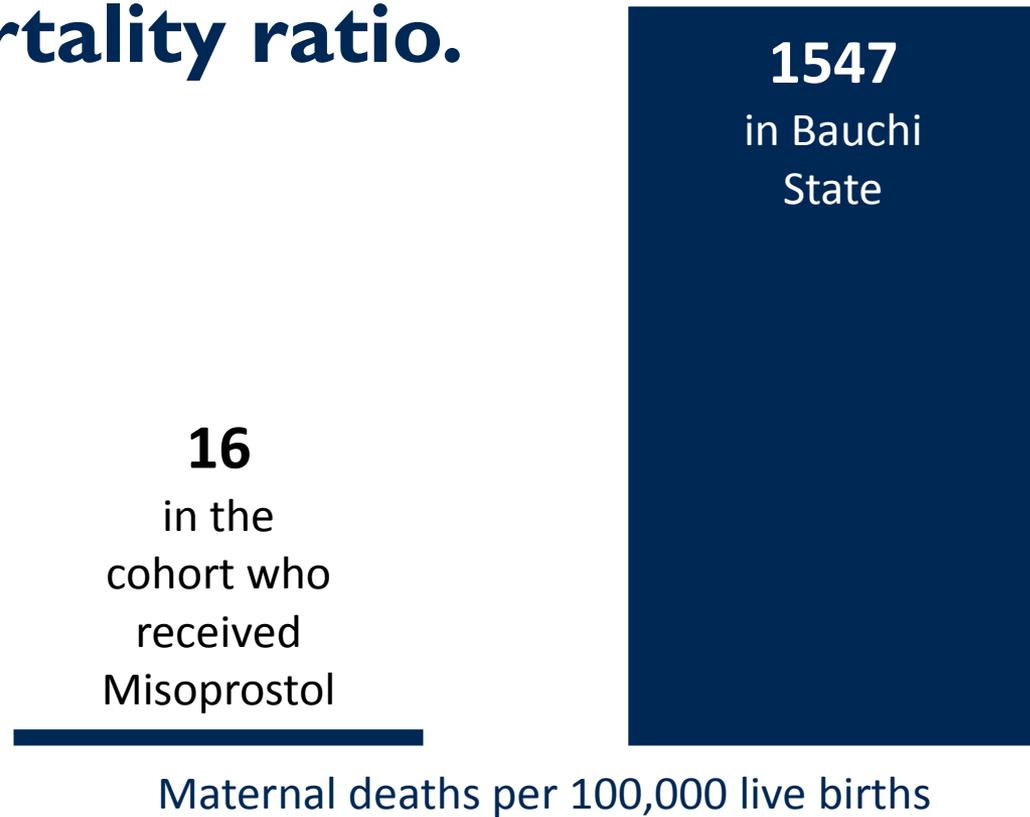
Bauchi State was second  
in Nigeria to roll out  
misoprostol &  
chlorhexidine use at  
scale.

24 national professional  
associations, universities, media  
and international NGOs  
delegations visited to learn  
about the approach.

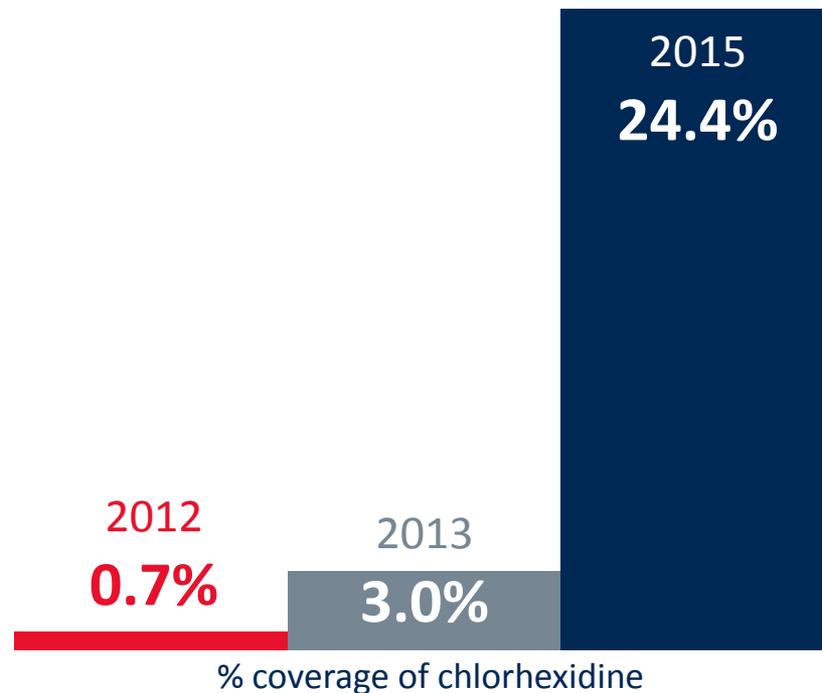
Bauchi State misoprostol coverage more than quadrupled, **saving maternal lives.**



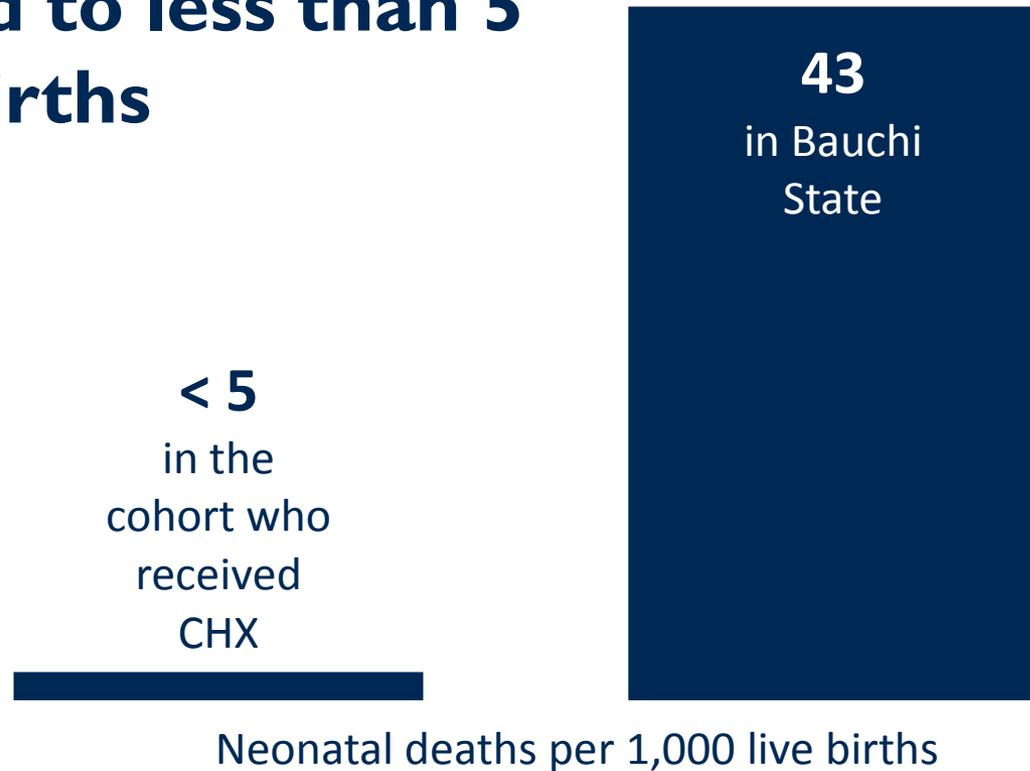
The use of misoprostol is strongly associated with a **much lower maternal mortality ratio.**



# Coverage of chlorhexidine in Bauchi State increased more than 20-fold, **saving newborn lives.**



The use of chlorhexidine is strongly associated with a **much lower neonatal mortality rate. It dropped to less than 5 per 1000 live births**



# What Remains to be Done

Enshrine all women's access to misoprostol/uterotonics as a right; newborns access to CHX

Support/sustain community-based health volunteers' system

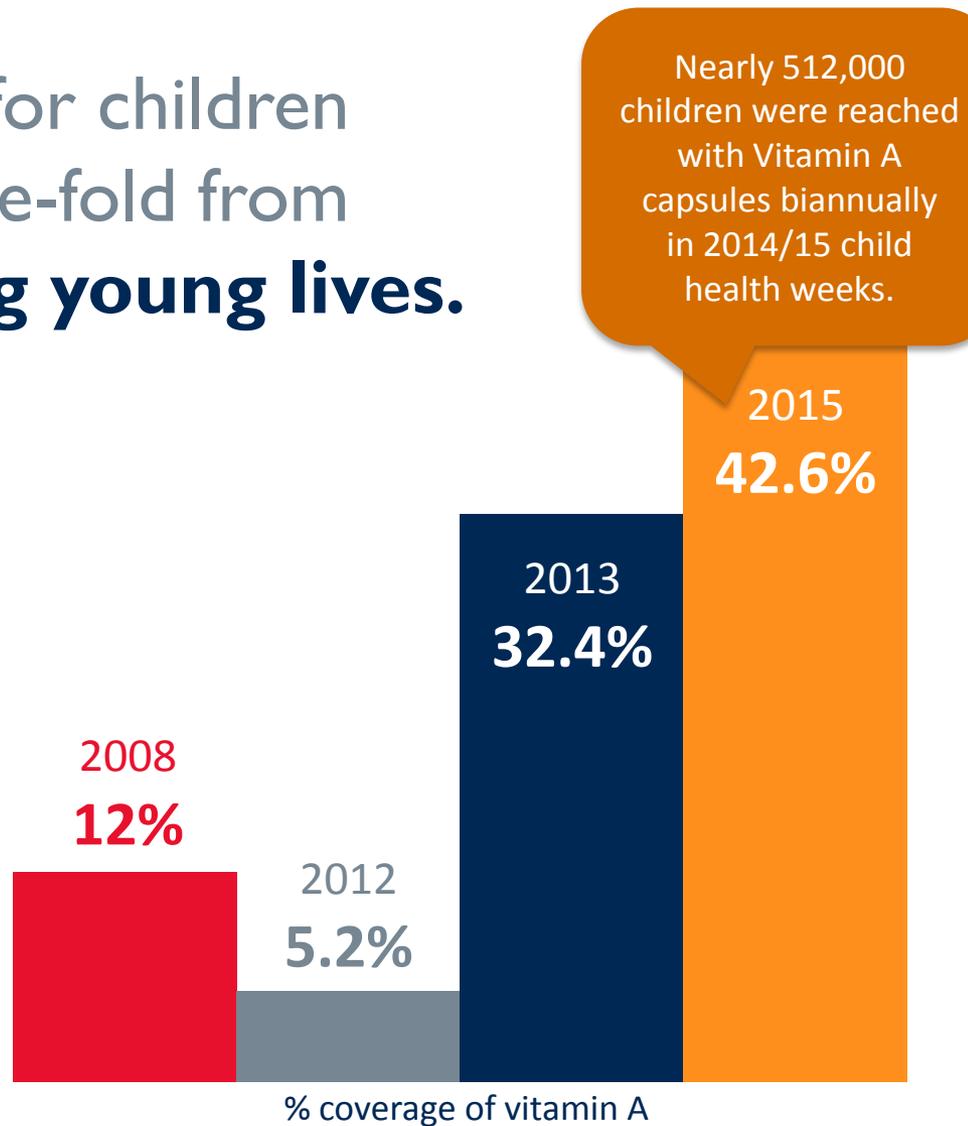
Bauchi State needs a Marshall Plan to rapidly train 3000 community midwives. At current pace, it will take 200 years

Use insurance/universal coverage to make antenatal care, delivery and emergency obstetric care work better



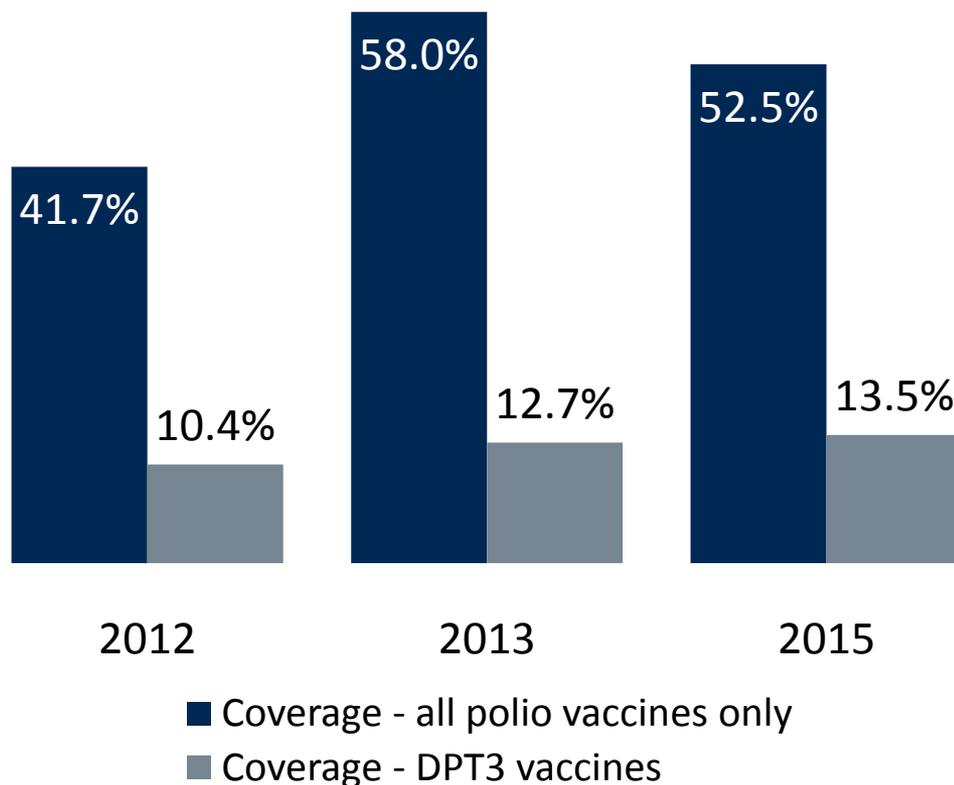
# **ADVANCES IN CHILD HEALTH**

Vitamin A coverage for children rose more than three-fold from 2008 to 2015, **saving young lives.**

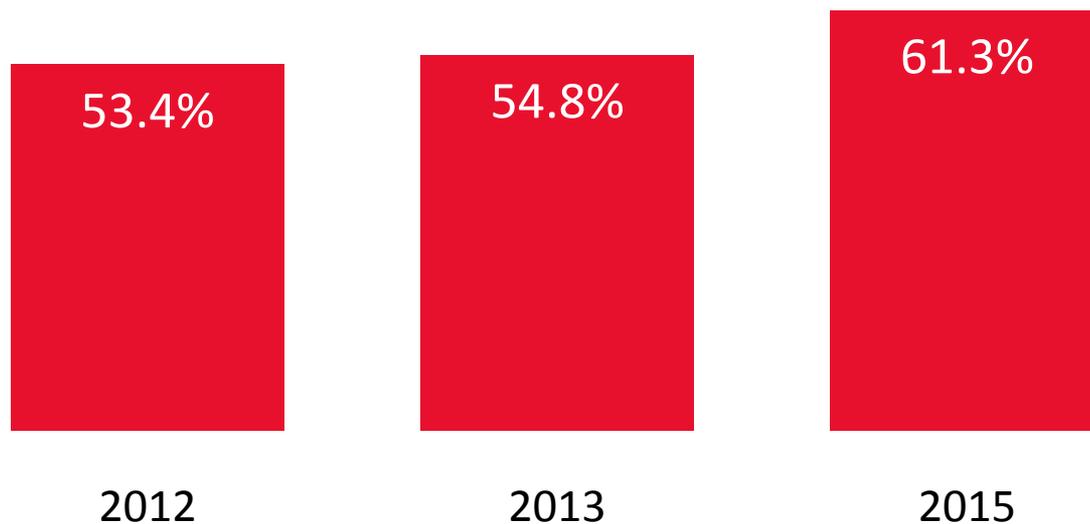


The pace is now set to use the polio vaccination platform to urgently **strengthen routine immunization.**

**Zero polio cases  
in Bauchi State  
in  
27 months.**



**Over 60%\*** of infants under 6 months were exclusively breastfed in **Bauchi State**, more than double the national average in Nigeria.



Sources: 2012, 2015: TSHIP LQAS; 2013: DHS

\*Based on 24 hour recall

# What Remains to be Done

Accelerating progress  
in routine  
immunization—  
improve quality, cold  
chain maintenance

Increasing  
predictable supply of  
life saving  
commodities—  
zinc/ORS,  
Amoxicillin DT

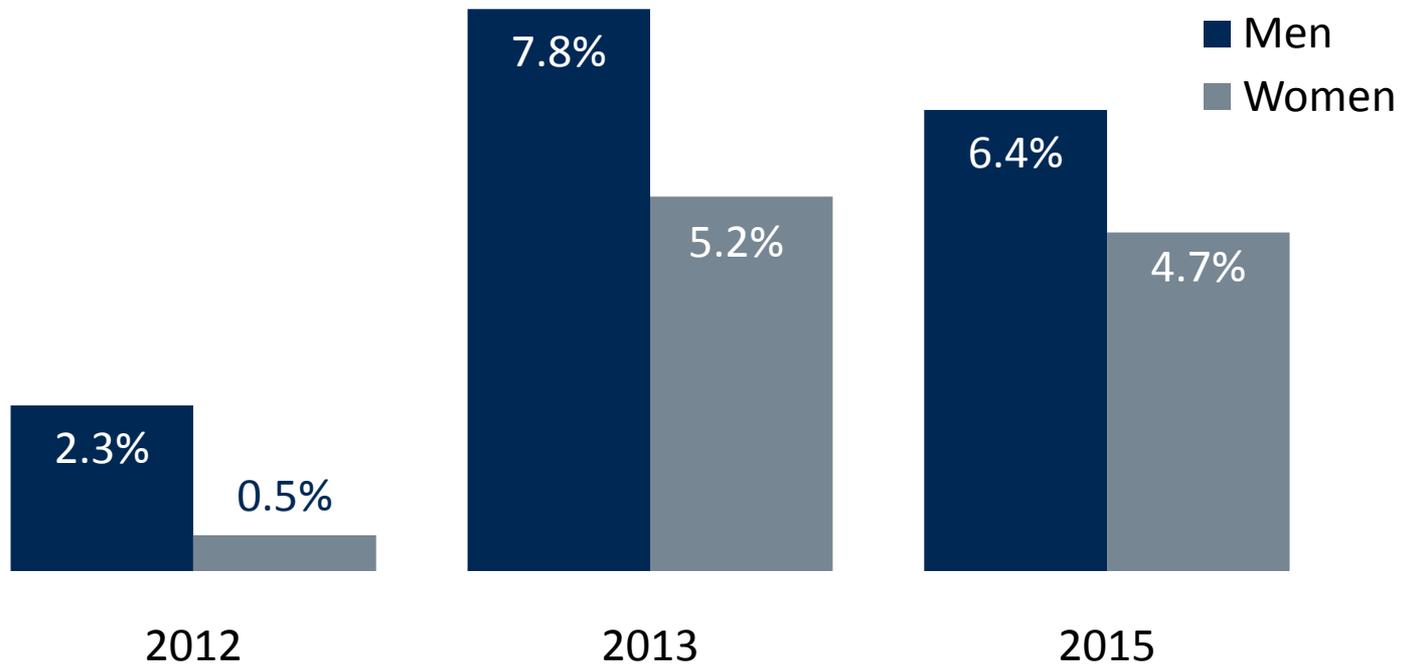
Exploring new  
approaches to  
community case  
management

Intensify promotion  
of exclusive  
breastfeeding  
through CBHV;  
educate men on its  
importance

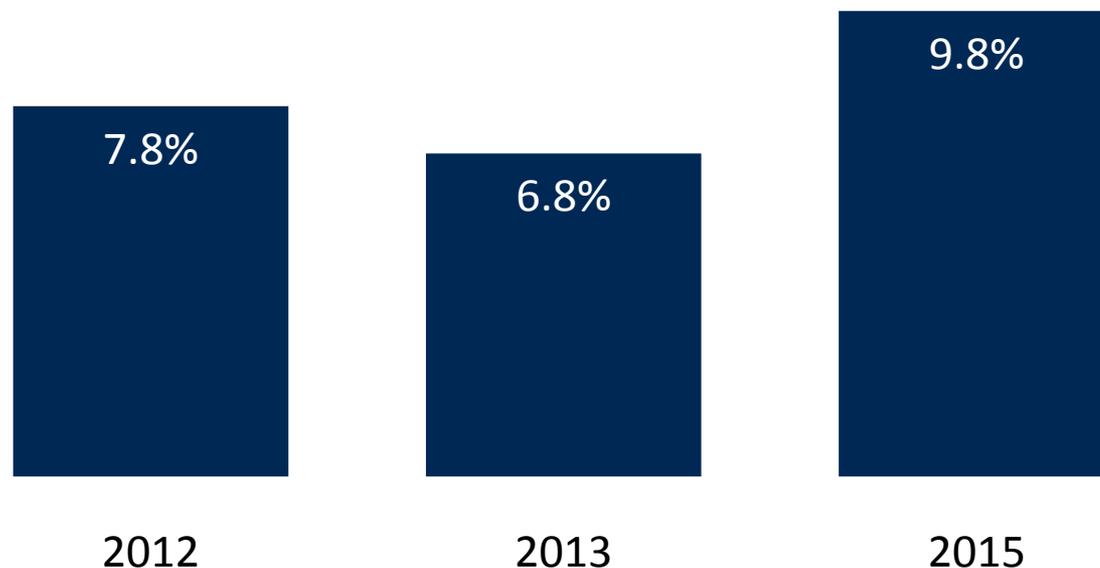


# **ADVANCES IN FAMILY PLANNING**

In Bauchi State, the **percent of women and men who do not want to have additional children** has continued to markedly increase.



Bauchi State recorded a  
**contraceptive prevalence of  
9.8% in 2015**





**ADVANCES IN RELATED  
HEALTH SYSTEMS &  
CROSS-CUTTING AREAS**



# Key Legislation and Policies Strengthen Health System

- ✓ Gender policy passed
- ✓ Drug, Medical Consumable Management Agency established
- ✓ Health Research Ethical Committee established, functional

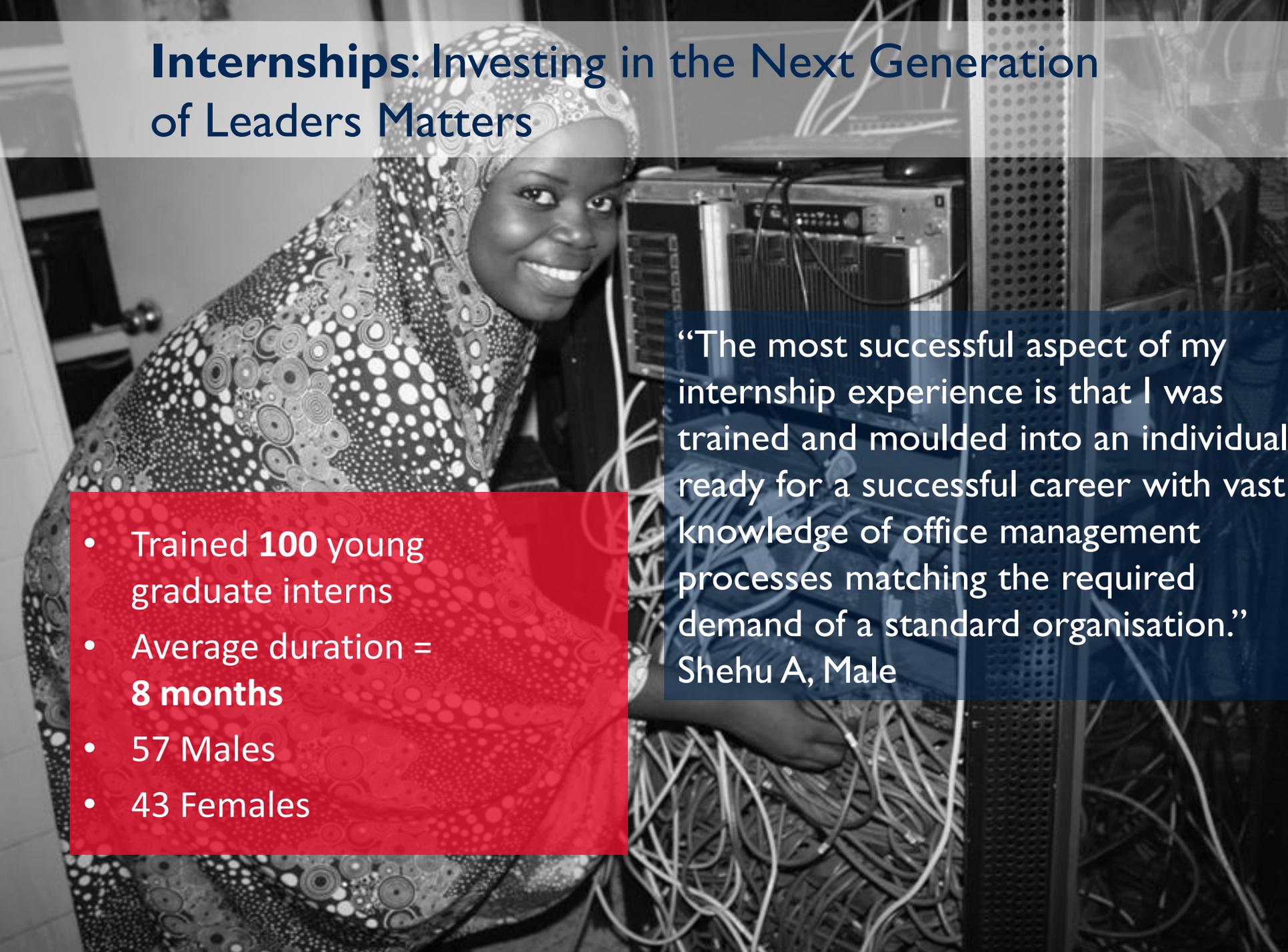
Passage of Law on Maternal Deaths Notification and Accountability is urgently required



**54,000 members of  
100-Women Groups on  
the move in 20 LGAs**

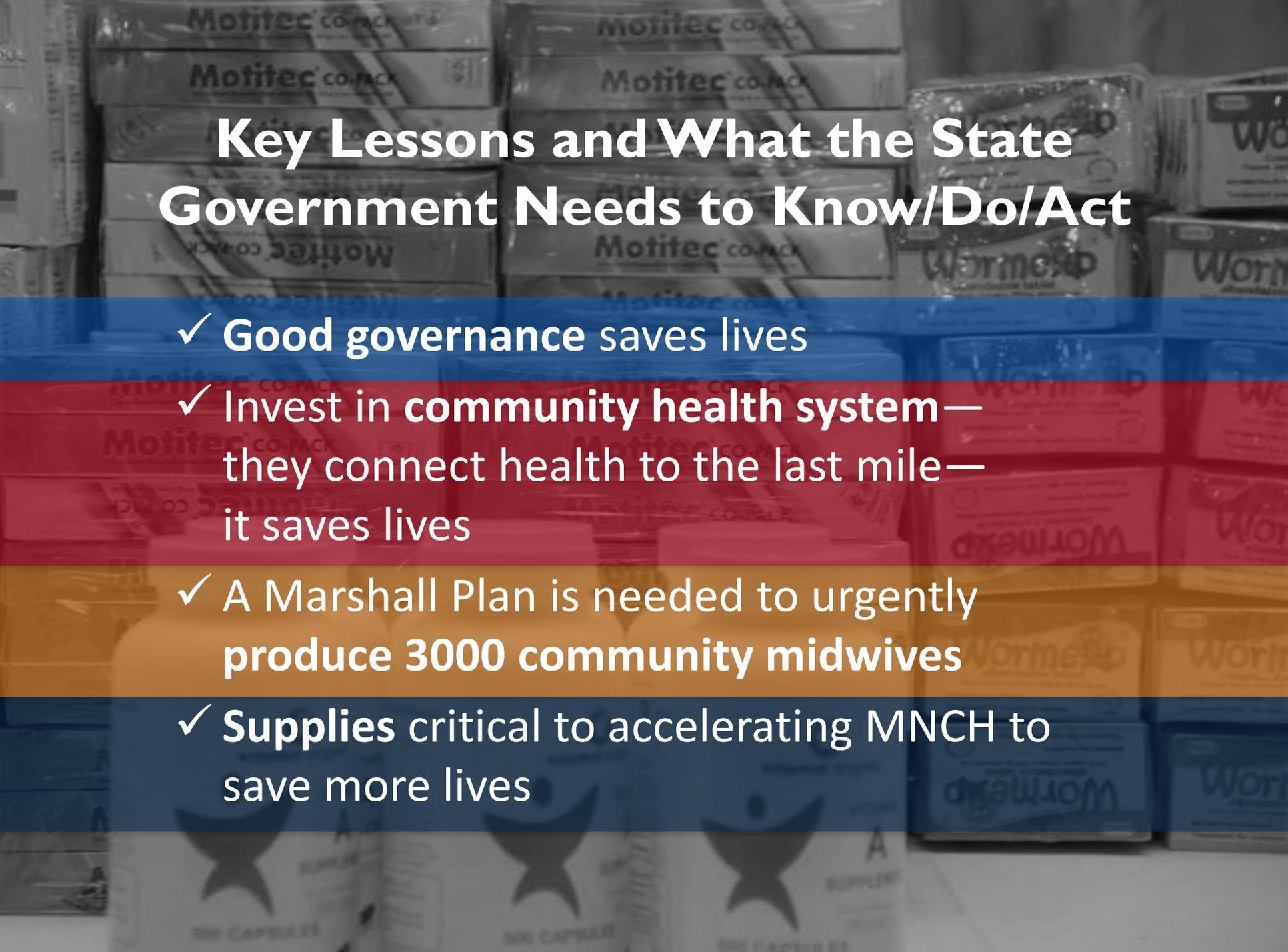
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MILLION  
IN LOANS  
AWARDED BY  
CENTRAL  
BANK**

# Internships: Investing in the Next Generation of Leaders Matters

A woman wearing a patterned hijab is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is in a server room, with server racks and a dense network of cables visible in the background. The image is in black and white, with a semi-transparent blue overlay on the right side containing text and a red overlay on the bottom left containing a list of statistics.

“The most successful aspect of my internship experience is that I was trained and moulded into an individual ready for a successful career with vast knowledge of office management processes matching the required demand of a standard organisation.”  
Shehu A, Male

- Trained **100** young graduate interns
- Average duration = **8 months**
- 57 Males
- 43 Females



# Key Lessons and What the State Government Needs to Know/Do/Act

- ✓ **Good governance** saves lives
- ✓ Invest in **community health system**— they connect health to the last mile— it saves lives
- ✓ A Marshall Plan is needed to urgently **produce 3000 community midwives**
- ✓ **Supplies** critical to accelerating MNCH to save more lives

# **Nana Asma'u**, Daughter of Sheikh Usman Danfodio on Governance

**“Rulers must persevere to improve affairs,**

Do you hear? And you who are ruled, do not  
stray: Do not be anxious to get what you want.

**Those who oppress the people in the name  
of authority will be crushed in their graves,  
in the Hereafter, *Be Sure of God's Truth.*”**

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