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Yobe is piloting the provision of outreach MNCH services by female Community Health Extension Workers (CHEWs) to five hard-to-reach communities in Kelluri district of Geidam Local Government Area (LGA). Yobe is also piloting a demand side PBF scheme that will reward uptake of specific maternal and child health services.

The PBF pilot scheme in **Katsina** explores the effect of rewarding health facilities for achieving pre-determined maternal and child health performance targets and will focus on routine immunization as the key performance area. This supply side PBF scheme compares facilities with performance-based incentives with a control facility (with comparable inputs) and with a third 'do nothing' facility.

The study in **Jigawa** is a trial of a strategy to bring health services close to the doorsteps of communities by deploying female CHEWs to live and provide a pre-determined package of maternal and child health services in these remote communities. A demand side performance based reward scheme, that rewards specific maternal and child health seeking behaviour, has been integrated into the study.

The Gunduma Health Services Board in **Jigawa** has decided to expand the CBSD scheme into five additional communities taking into account the lessons learnt during the pilot. Approval has been granted by the Emir for the use of gender friendly motorbikes by female CHEWs following an advocacy visit. Plans are therefore underway to procure 20 gender friendly motorbikes and 'Tools and supply boxes' for the current and expansion phase of the study.

In **Zamfara** the TICK study is a pilot of an innovative tool designed not only to more completely capture EPI data (especially fully immunized children) but to also minimize the variance between data from the enhanced tally sheet (tick sheet) and the immunization register. The Nahuca PBF pilot is designed to reward Women Investing Savings in Health (WISH) groups who are able to facilitate a certain number of facility deliveries through referral or advocacy.

As most of these studies are ongoing, they will be reported on in the 2012 Annual Report.