

### **Federal/state model of working (e.g. MSS, PHCUOR, GAVI)**

A key feature of PRRINN-MNCH's approach has been the interlinking between what happens at federal level, in terms of policy and supporting implementation, and activities at state and LGA levels. The PRRINN-MNCH federal-level office has played a key role in this as illustrated by the following examples:

- Early on it was realised that several states were able to access the first tranche of the GAVI funds, but as they were unable to retire the monies appropriately, this was their limit. PRRINN-MNCH started at state level supporting the State Ministries of Health to effectively retire and access ongoing funding tranches from GAVI. This work shifted to federal level where PRRINN-MNCH assisted the GAVI office in NPHCDA to review the processes and tools for accessing and retiring the funds and participated in developing a set of master trainers who now train across all states in Nigeria.
- Similarly, 'Bringing PHC under one roof' was initially a state-based activity. Under the PATHS1 programme, Jigawa State was assisted to develop the Gunduma system. Under PRRINN-MNCH these activities were extended to other states (notably Yobe and Zamfara). At the same time PRRINN-MNCH worked closely with NPHCDA at federal level. A series of workshops developed the core concepts and implementation guidelines for 'Bringing PHC under one roof'. These were formally adopted by the NPHCDA Board and presented by them to the National Council for Health (NCH) in May 2011, where they were endorsed as federal-level policy.
- The Midwives Service Scheme (MSS) is an ongoing initiative to address the shortage of skilled birth attendants (SBAs) particularly in Northern Nigeria. The PRRINN-MNCH programme has enthusiastically supported the initiative at state level. At federal level activities have included development of M&E tools for the initiative and fieldwork with NPHCDA reviewing the effectiveness and impact of the MSS.

In 2012, PRRINN-MNCH will carefully document this approach to working and it is expected that the federal/state approach to working could become a model for MDAs and other development partners.