

Child Development Grant Programme:

Key messages of the baseline
evaluation findings

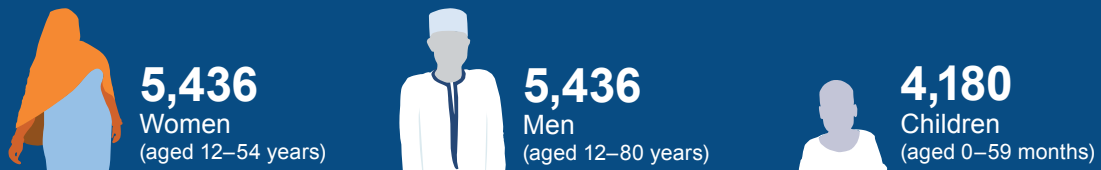
Child Development Grant Evaluation Baseline Results

The Child Development Grant Programme (CDGP) is a five-year pilot programme being implemented in Zamfara and Jigawa states in Northern Nigeria. It aims to address widespread poverty, hunger and malnutrition in Northern Nigeria, which affects the potential for children to survive and develop.

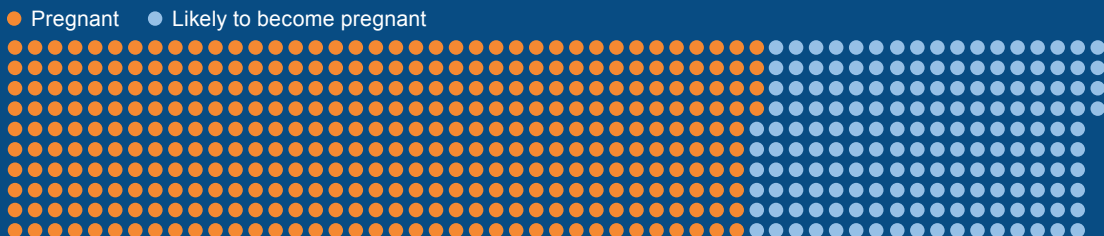


Survey of 5,436 households

Data was collected from a total of 5,436 households, which included:

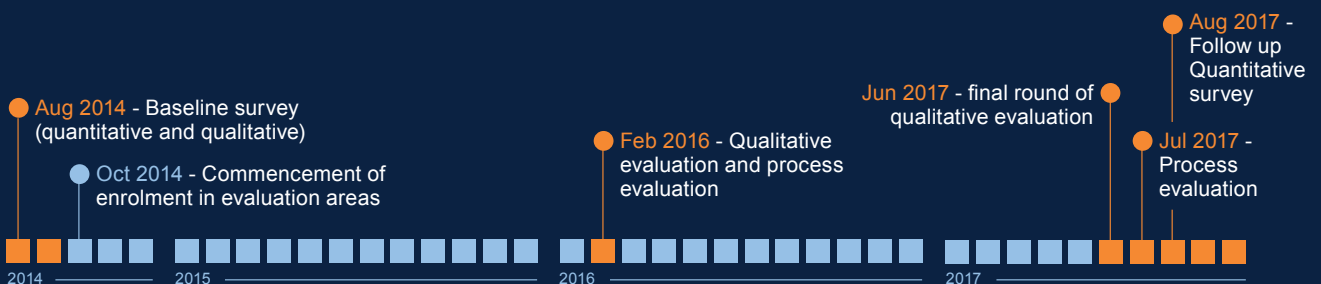


Majority of the women we interviewed were reported to be pregnant and others are in the reproductive age, therefore likely to become pregnant.



Before & after

Timeline of evaluation before & after the introduction of the cash transfer.



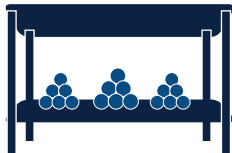
Description of the communities

Many communities do not have access to important services.

Only

11%

of communities have a market for fruit and vegetables



Less than

50%

of communities report having a basic health facility in their vicinity



Only

75%

of the communities have access to basic education services in the form of a primary school



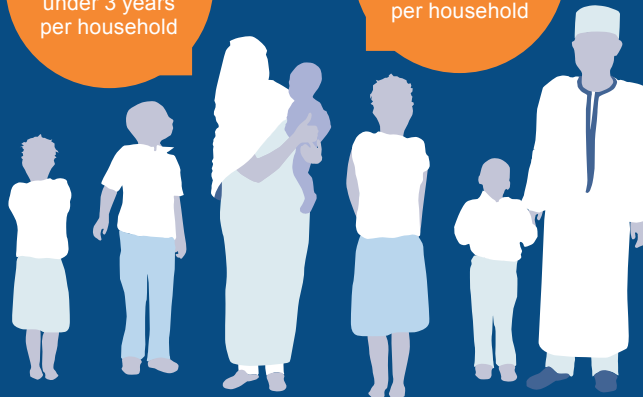
The households

The average size of households is 7.4 members.

On average, there is more than one child under 3 years per household

On average there are almost two women of reproductive age per household

On average 4.5 members of the household are less than 17 years old



Almost all household heads are adult married males (99.9%)

46%

of women are in a polygamous marriage



1 in 5

only around one in five women report being literate



11%

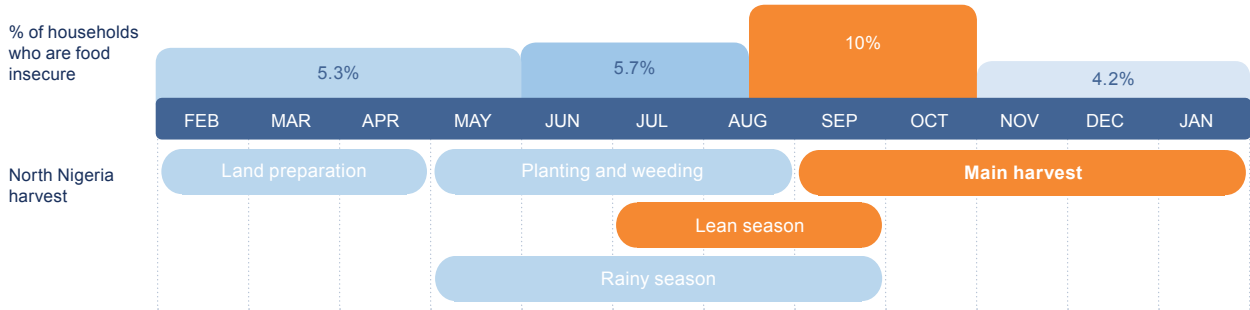
households have access to improved sanitation facilities



Nutrition and food consumption

About 10% of households report not having enough food to eat during the lean season and up to 6% of households report not having enough food to eat over the rest of the year.

Annual food security 2014-2015



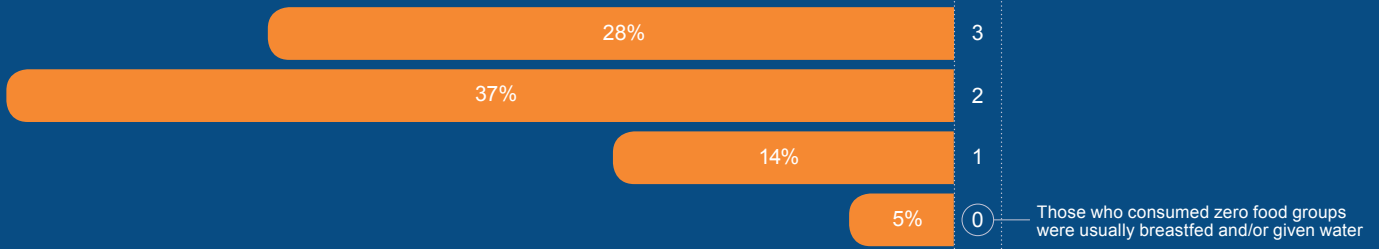
Dietary diversity

Only 16% of children 6–23 months of age receive the recommended number of food groups and this figure does not improve much as children get older.

Food groups:

- a) Grains, roots and tubers
- b) Legumes and nuts
- c) Dairy products (milk, yogurt, cheese)
- d) Flesh foods (meat, fish, poultry and liver/organ meats)
- e) Eggs
- f) Vitamin A rich fruits and vegetables
- g) Other fruits and vegetables

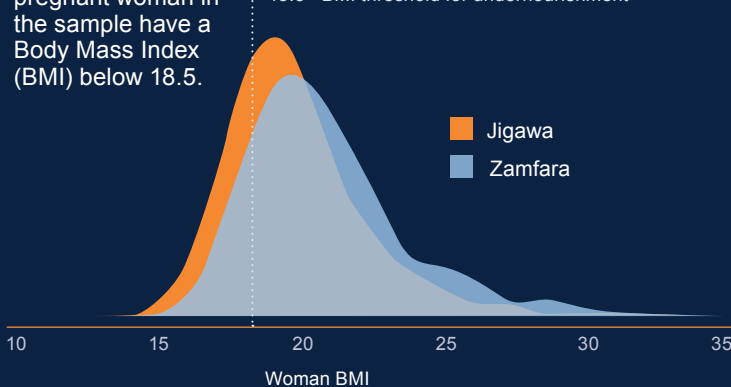
WHO recommends a minimum of 4 food groups



Maternal Health BMI

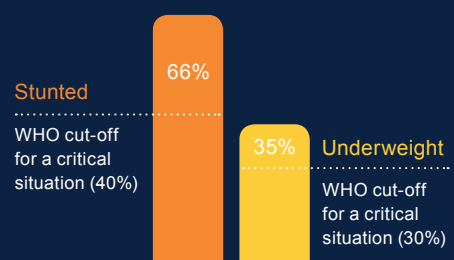
26% of non-pregnant women in the sample have a Body Mass Index (BMI) below 18.5.

18.5 - BMI threshold for undernourishment



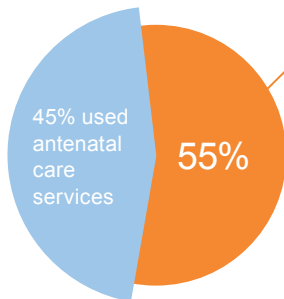
Child Malnutrition

66% of children under 5 were classified as stunted. 35% of the children were considered underweight.

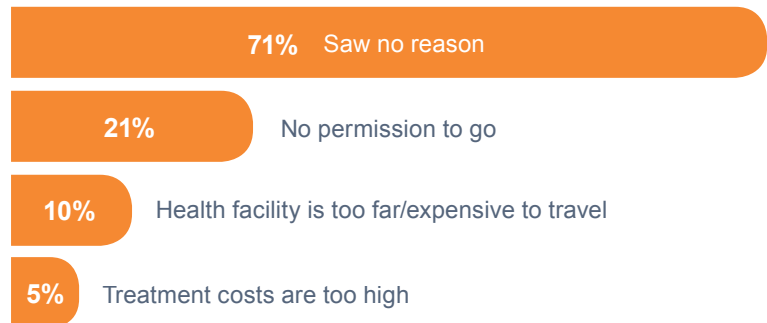


Health seeking behaviour and knowledge, beliefs and culture

Uptake of antenatal care
45% of mothers of children under 3 used antenatal care services in their last pregnancy.



Proportion of women saying they did not use antenatal care because:



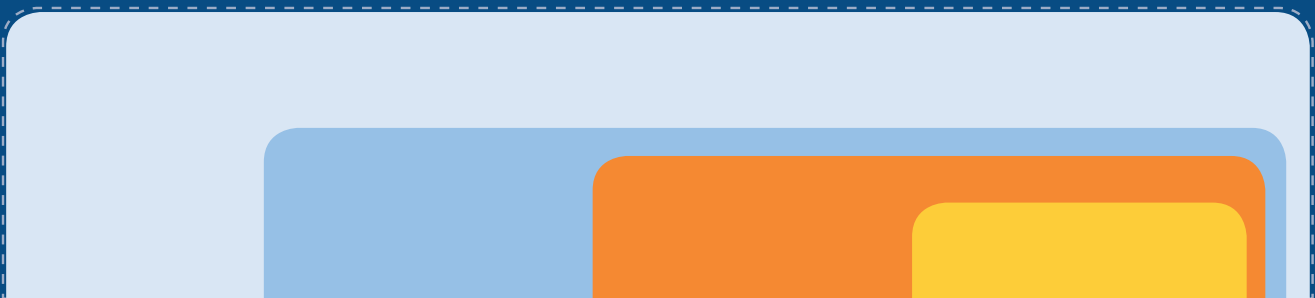
Breastfeeding practice

99% of children born in the last 24 months were breastfed

45% were appropriately breastfed

28% were breastfed soon after birth

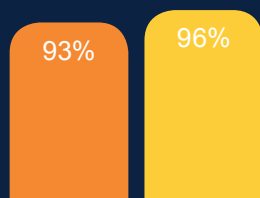
10% were exclusively breastfed in the first 6 months



Husbands' and wives' beliefs about pregnancy and infant health

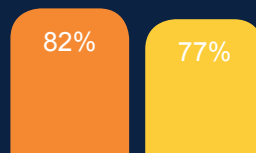
There are misconceptions about appropriate health practices among men and women.

Percentage who would advise a pregnant woman to visit a health facility if faced with complications



The best place for a woman to give birth is:

In own home



Women
Men

Health facility



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