



JIGAWA STATE
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Journey So Far.

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BACKGROUND.

ESTABLISHED IN 1997.

- Serves as the major public sector steward responsible for the development of women, children and social protection for the less privileged, the very poor and the socially excluded.

Vision: To serve as a catalyst in creating enabling environment for the survival, development, protection and participation of women, Children and the vulnerable groups.

Mission: To work in collaboration with relevant partners to wards ensuring effective policy formulation and implementation, especially in the critical areas of concern.

OPERATIONALISATION

- The Ministry runs its activities through Five departments:-

3 Technical

- Department of Women's Affairs
- Department of Social welfare Services
- Department of Child Development

2 Supportive

- Department of Administration and Finance
- Department of Research, Planning and Statistics

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The Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development also supervises two agencies namely:

- **Alternative Energy Fund**
- **Rehabilitation Board**

Department of Women Affairs

- The Department provides services and programmes for the general empowerment of women and ensuring gender representation in all spheres of human endeavour.

ACTIVITIES

- **Maternal Health:-** Reduction of maternal mortality and improving maternal health through increasing access strategy
- Intervention in to 214 hard to reach communities
- Establishment of 31 member Emergency maternal care teams in 214 communities
- Formation of blood donor groups and emergency saving funds in all the communities of intervention
- Advocate for standing permission from gatekeepers
- Institutionalization of emergency transport scheme through the provision of 37 Astra Opel Cars to 37 communities, sensitization of drivers in all the 44 motor parks across the state and training of 4 emergency transport system drivers in each of the 214 communities.
- Piloting of tricycle ambulances and tested in 4 communities
- On ward mobilization and advocacy to various stakeholders for free maternal care.

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Soft loan and Grants to women :

- N26 million disbursed as soft loan to women groups.

Skill acquisition and literacy

- up grading of Multi purpose women centre to accommodate variety of skills
- enhancing the learning environment of the multi purpose women centre to absorb boarding students across the state.
- In collaboration with Millennium Development Goals updated 7 women development centres across the centre with working materials worth N65 million.
- Distributed over 150 proto type ground processing machines to different women groups across the State.

Capacity Building and Sensitisation

- Capacity building on gender issues and domestic violence

Department of Child Development

- The Department is concerned with survival, development and participation of children from 0 – 18 years of age.

ACTIVITIES

Child rights:

- Enactment of Child Rights Law

Juvenile Justice administration

- Establishment and Development of Reformatory School as correctional institution in the state.

Leisure and Recreational Services

- Establishment and development of Children's Play Ground

Girl child, literacy and Skill Acquisition Services

- Supported 15 centres with skills acquisition materials to minimize girl child hawking across the state

Child protection against abuse, Labour, Trafficking and Exploitation.

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Enhancing and facilitating of Orphans and Vulnerable Children programmes.

- Provision of educational, medical and Psycho- social support

Medical support to abused and vulnerable children

- over 10 children burdened with diseases were supported in 2010

Implementation of UNICEF Assisted Programmes.

- Conducted and implemented various programmes under UNICEF supported programme

Improving of child health and reduction of infant morbidity.

- Training of trainers of improving the nutritional status of weaning age children in 135 communities

Facilitating of Annual Children's Celebrations.

Department of Social Welfare Services

The Department provides services to individuals and groups to achieve satisfying standards of life.

ACTIVITIES

- Family Welfare unit for the settlement of dispute and other complicating issues as they relate to family.
- Coordinates the activities of the Visco Virginal Fistula Hostel (VVF) in terms of vocation and psycho- social adjustment.
- Coordinates the activities of medical social welfare units in all the primary and secondary health facilities across the state.
- Establishment of school based social work in 5 selected schools.
- Establishment of social protection unit to cater for the mentally ill patients , the stranded and the socially excluded.
- Supervises deferral and exception (D/E)scheme throughout the state.

Department of Administration and Finance

- Supports the Ministry in general policy issues relating to personnel and financial matters.

Department of Planning, Research and Statistics

- Supports the Ministry in terms of policy planning and implementation and serves as data base for the Ministry.

Alternative Energy Fund

- The Jigawa State Alternative Energy Fund was established in the year 2001 with the sole responsibilities of exploiting and harnessing the bestowed alternative energy sources, e.g. Solar, wind and biomass to supplement the firewood and other petrochemical cooking facilities i.e. fossil fuels.

Activities

From its inception to date the Agency has executed various types of solar electrification and biogas projects across the state.

- The agency designed and improved wood/saw dust/millet husk stove so far fabricated more than 20,000 units of the said products and distributed it to the public free of charge in order to reduce over dependency on fire wood and in accessible conventional fossil fuels.
- 100 unit's industrial sizes of the products are currently under fabrication for the use of Boarding schools and General Hospitals to assist in their cooking requirements being the large firewood consumers.
- In the area of Biogas i.e. methane cooking gas generated from cow- dung and water, the state through the agency had constructed 108 tubular plastic biogas plants and handed over to individuals to assist their cooking requirements.

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Regarding solar electrification, the Agency had so far electrified 25 communities under solar model village scheme with the following components:-

- Solar lighting for Home System
- Solar street lighting
- Solar lighting for public facilities
- Battery charging station (Solar)
- Solar micro-enterprise lock-up shops
- Solar Boreholes driven system
- Battery (lighting) charging system for Homes
- Four (4) additional solar model village are currently under construction.
- Solar electrification of 19 village communities, completed (MDG CGS) across the state.

Rehabilitation Board

The board was established in 2007 aimed at promoting the welfare of People Living with Disabilities.

Activities

- A total of 4,050 disabled persons have been benefitting from N7,000 monthly Social Security Allowance from July, 2007 to date, so far the government has extended the sum of N878,850,000.00.
- In 2009, 185 disabled persons were employed.
- Hadejia Vocational Training Centre for the disabled has been renovated and is about to commence training for blind and crippled persons.

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- Rigorous approach to poverty eradication through comprehensive women development programmes, including disbursement of N10 million Women fund for Economic Empowerment Fund and diversify skills training.
- Scaling -up of safe motherhood Initiative demand creation activities to cover additional 84 hard to reach communities and support with 15 emergency transport vehicle.
- Improvement and enhancement of recreational and leisure facilities to facilitate effective participation and development of children and establishment of stranded children transit camp.
- Effective utilisation of children's potentials to protect them from social menace and abuse through the improvement of Reformatory School and more Girl Child Skill acquisition Centres
- To improve the VVF centre to give maximum capacity building to patients.
- To develop a data bank on social problems for proper planning.
- To help curb the prevalence and incidence of mentally ill persons vagrancy through organized system of care and protection.
- To collaborate with partners to initiative programmes and projects that will ensure social inclusion of the excluded and the very poor.
- To help in the protection against desertification by constructing additional 15,000 improved stove and solar traffic lights.
- To focus on the community based rehabilitative services in order to encourage community participations for the care of the disable persons.
- To procure vocational training materials
- To initiate system strengthening strategy that will encourage human resource development and planning .

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