

# WHAT WOMEN WANT!

## *Demands for Quality Reproductive and Maternal Healthcare from Women and Girls*

### ADVOCACY AGENDA: WHITE RIBBON ALLIANCE NIGERIA



From 2018-2019, White Ribbon Alliance and partners implemented an audacious campaign that heard from 1.2 million women and girls worldwide – including 78,066 women and girls from Nigeria, primarily Niger State – about their top request for their own reproductive and maternal health.

The White Ribbon Alliance Nigeria *What Women Want* Advocacy Agenda (2020-2022) takes top requests in Nigeria and turns them into key actions that will bring about changes in services and programs that women and girls want and will use. It was designed in consultation with local What Women Want focal points, partners and women and girls.

#### WOMEN AND GIRLS DEMANDS    ADVOCACY OBJECTIVES

##### **Cross-cutting demand: Institutionalizing women's feedback**

- The Niger State Primary Healthcare Development Agency embeds the routine collection and use of women's and girls' perspectives as a key criterion for fully functioning Ward Health Development Committees — a government recognized, citizen-led accountability mechanism for healthcare delivery.

##### **Water, sanitation and hygiene**

- The Niger State Primary Healthcare Development Agency ensures installation of handwashing facilities and six toilets within each of the state's 274 focal primary health centers.

##### **Respectful and dignified care**

- The Federal Ministry of Health updates the *Respectful Maternity Care Charter: Universal Rights of Mothers and Newborns* and the Niger State Ministry of Health domesticates it.

##### **More female providers and increased, competent and better supported midwives and nurses**

- The Niger State Government mobilizes resources to hire and deploy at least one midwife in each of the state's 274 focal primary health care centers.

##### **Increased, fully functional and closer health facilities**

- All of Niger State's focal primary health centers (PHCs) meet readiness criteria to receive Basic Health Care Provision Funds (BHCPF), and the Niger State Primary Healthcare Development Agency releases BHCPF to the entire 274 focal PHCs to expand community access to free primary healthcare services and supplies.

