



Kano is located in north-western Nigeria. With an estimated population of 13.4 million, it is the most populous of Nigeria's 36 states. The maternal mortality rate is 576/100,000 (NDHS 2013) and child mortality rate 103/1000 live births (MICs 2016/17).

## Key achievements

- To ensure wider sensitisation on the state's measles campaign, MNCH2 supported social mobilisation activities via radio discussion programmes with the Director, Public Health, Incidence Manager and State Immunisation Officer in various radio stations with state-wide coverage.
- The Facility Health Committee (FHC) of Gwagwarwa PHC in Nasarawa LGA has been able to convince four medical consultants residing in their community to voluntarily work at the facility on Fridays and Sundays each week. The FHC has also reached out to the then Nasarawa LGA Chairman to successfully solicit the LGA Council's support to construct a theatre room at the facility, resulting in commencement of delivery services for pregnant women and other forms of surgeries at the PHC.



Kano State Governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, signing the State Health Trust Fund Bill into law at Government House, Kano.

## Lessons

Community engagement and voice is key to resource mobilisation and success in service delivery as demonstrated by the FHC at Gwagwarwa PHC in Nasarawa LGA, which was able to mobilise funding from businessmen and philanthropists in their community for production of patient cards and purchase of sundry equipment and disposables.

It was discovered during the Human resource for Health (HRH) quarterly meeting that medical practitioners prefer to practice over teaching in health institutions, because of disparity in remunerations.

Engagement with traditional and religious leaders is key in addressing quackery in their communities.

“Over the years we have managed to build and equip family planning and dental units; a data room with two computers, where we store all information; as well as procured shelves for proper documentation. We also regularly buy replacements for damaged medical apparatuses for the facility as well as organise awards around festivities where we reward outstanding PHC workers with gifts like foodstuff and clothing materials to encourage them and motivate others.”

- Lawan Santali  
FHC Chairman, Gwagwarwa PHC  
Nasarawa LGA

## Transition and Sustainability

The Kano State Government enacted the State Health Trust Fund Bill, State Health Insurance Scheme, Private Health Institutions Management Agency and the Task Shifting and Sharing Policy into law on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017.

The passage of these bills is expected to contribute immensely to the improvement in delivery of healthcare services in the state.

## Priorities for next month

- Follow up with facilities to support implementation of their Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response Action Plans.
- Orientation of key stakeholders on verbal autopsy based on the Community Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response approach.
- Conduct training on operational guidelines for the Health Trust Fund and Private Health Institutions Management Agency

 births assisted by skilled personnel  
**240,690**

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**565,364**

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**119,665**

 children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**1,120,956**

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**312,741**

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