



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria and borders four Nigerian states as well as the Republic of Niger. It has a population of 3.4 million with an economy mainly based on agriculture. Most of the state's wards have a functional health facility (98.4%), under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

The Facility Health Committees (FHCs) have reported progress in their efforts to mobilise resources, especially in setting up the Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) schemes in health facilities. One of the successes recorded, is the installation of a solar refrigerator at MCH Dazigau in Nangere LGA through the State Task Force on Routine Immunisation.

As part of efforts to ensure availability of services to hard-to-reach communities, the MNCH2 Outreach Team conducted services in Potiskum and Fika LGAs, reaching a total 4,264 clients in 12 communities with various services such as antenatal care, Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) and Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses.

The programme supported Yobe State government to conduct an assessment on the extent of continuous uninterrupted availability of free RMNCH commodities in supported facilities, revealing 93% and 57% availability in October and November respectively. The programme also mentored and coached facility staff on integrated management of health commodities using the logistic management information system (LMIS) tools in 30 supported health facilities.

Lessons

- Strengthening linkages between the exemption component of Sustainable Drugs Supply System (SDSS) with the Free Drug Scheme of the state will ensure continuous availability of reproductive, maternal and child health (RMNCH) commodities in all supported health facilities.
- Establishment of Drug Management Agency in the state will ensure complete government oversight of health commodity supply, management and distribution with decreased wastage and improved resource management.

“I have been working in this facility for over twenty years, and we had never received these kinds of relevant medical equipment support from donor partners like we do with MNCH2. We appreciate the programme for this gesture and we look forward to continue partnering with you for provision of quality and affordable health care service to our people.”

Martha Shu'aibu
In-charge, MCH Machina
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Transition and Sustainability

- To address the lingering issue of inadequate human resources for health, the Yobe State Government is proposing establishment of at least three additional schools of midwifery – one in each senatorial zone – in Geidam, Potiskum and Gashua.
- The State House of Assembly is working on a bill to enact a law establishing the Yobe State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency for sustainability.

Priorities for next month

- Improve accessibility to Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) services by using focal point persons from the Safe Space Initiative - Young Women Support Groups.
- Partner with the USAID-funded, Health Financing and Governance project on establishment of a legislative network for universal health coverage.
- Strengthen the LMIS at State, Local Government and health facility levels



Women and children queue up to receive medical services during an outreach in Mai Yakubu Yankari community, Bade LGA.

