



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. Its economy is mainly based on agriculture. Under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000 live births, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most (98.4%) wards have a functional health facility (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- The programme conducted a refresher training for all the 17 Local Government Area Essential Drug Officers (LGAEDOs) on Logistics Management Information System tools and distributed transfer/return forms to the LGAEDOs to prevent expiries and improve accountability of reproductive maternal, newborn and child health commodities.
- Community scorecards were administered in 12 communities across 8 local government areas (LGAs) to assess client satisfaction on the quality services provided by the health facilities.
- The programme supported the Coalition of Young Women Support Groups (YWWSG) to conduct sensitisation outreaches in 18 communities across 10 LGAs

Lessons

Introduction of monetary incentives to women on completion of antenatal and immunisation visits in some selected health facilities by Nigeria State Health Investment Project (NSHIP) has encouraged pregnant women to travel long distances in order to benefit from the incentives. This has increased the uptake of reproductive maternal, newborn and child health services in the facilities.

“ I never visited the health facility for antenatal care (ANC) until I learnt its importance during YWSG mentoring sessions in my community. I resolved to start visiting the health facility for ANC and I benefited a lot - I received injections drugs and other routine check-ups which made me and the baby healthier. I thank God for this.”

Maryam Abubakar

YWWSG Member, Dakasko Moijarma Community, Potiskum LGA

Transition and Sustainability

- Saving One Million Lives (SOML) has included Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) in their workplan. This will cover implementation of MPDSR (verbal autopsy) in 178 primary health care centers.
- Two LGAs - Jakusko and Bursari - have procured and supplied medical equipment worth NGN 280,000,000 to the General Hospitals in Jakusko and Dapchi respectively.


Priorities for next month


- Provide technical support to implementation of Data Quality Assessments (DQAs) in collaboration with SOML.
- Intensify consultations and step-up efforts for the passage of the impending bills on the Healthcare Contributory Scheme, Drug Management Agency (DMA) and review of Primary Healthcare Board (PHCB) law.
- Support the State Ministry of Health to print and disseminate Annual Operation Plan (AOP) documents.
- Follow-up action for the release of funds to upgrade the State Central Medical Store (CMS).





Participants during community scorecard administration at Malori Community, Fika LGA.

 births assisted by skilled personnel
99,056

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
218,020

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
30,597

 children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.
286,730

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods
86,101