



Katsina State is in the Sahel Savannah in northwest Nigeria. It has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvements in some health indicators: delivery by skill birth attendance has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40% and immunisation coverage is 6%. The unmet need for child spacing is 29.5% (MICs 2016/2017).

### Key achievements

- MNCH2 provided support to the Katsina State Maternal Accountability Forum (KATSMAF) and Directors of Budget from State House of Assembly (SHoA), State Ministry of Finance (SMoF) and Director Expenditure Control to review and analyse the 2018 Katsina State health sector budget and develop the State 2018 Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) and Health Sector Budget Scorecard.
- 34 Facility Health Committee Alliance Chairmen and Health Promotion Officers were trained by the programme on how to administer quarterly self-assessment checklists to all the facility health committees (FHCs) across the 34 LGA.
- The programme engaged facilitators from the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to brief the Council of Religious Leaders (Ulamas) on the importance of the Contributory Healthcare Scheme and highlight the law governing the scheme.



MNCH2 State Demand Side Coordinator presenting a gift to emergency transport worker at Tudun Mai Duna Community in Malumfashi LGA.

### Lessons

- Regular community sensitisation has led to a surge in the numbers of women transported by non Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) drivers from 151 to 168 across the state.
- Religious leaders' intervention on creating awareness on the legality of contributory healthcare insurance in Islam is clearing lingering misconceptions amongst the populace and is encouraging communities to subscribe to scheme.

“ I am involved in delivering health sermons because I've been given the opportunity to do that. Before MNCH2 I had never done such sermons but with the training, I feel supported and now have courage to present MNCH awareness everywhere and every time, encouraging community members to engage in receiving services at the health centres.”

- Alhaji Rabi'u Aminu,  
Religious leader in Unguwar Yalwa,  
Dutsin-ma LGA

### Transition and Sustainability

- The State and LGA Logistics Management Coordination Units (LMCU) were established and inaugurated with the State LMCU fully-functioning and a budget line created for it.
- The State Ministry of Health (SMoH) has budgeted N100 million to continue supporting the Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) which currently only covers secondary health facilities with plans to expand coverage to primary health care facilities (PHCs) in the state.

### Priorities for next month

- Visit all the supported health facilities to commemorate the Healthcare Workers Day, award certificates to qualified MNCH2-trained providers and Master Trainer Mentors who demonstrated outstanding performances.
- Support an open government partnership to disseminate the findings of the 2018 Health Budget Performance Scorecard.
- Connect emergency transport scheme (ETS) drivers with traditional birth attendants (TBAs) to ease communications between them during emergencies.

