



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 child mortality rate is 103/1000 live births (MICS 2016/17), with less than 50% of children under 5 fully vaccinated and 20% availability of child health cards (MICS 2017).

## Key achievements

- Integrated medical outreach services reached 132 women with insertion of implants, 617 with Depo-Provera injections, 427 with oral pills, 1,993 with antenatal services, 411 with postnatal services, 1,699 children with integrated management of childhood illnesses, 785 with immunisations, 6,563 received outpatient services and 181 referrals were made in 128 communities across the 44 local government areas (LGAs).
- The programme provided technical support to the public health department of the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) to ensure smooth implementation of community-level interventions with male motivators and Young Women Support Groups (YWSGs) to increase demand for reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.
- MNCH2 advocacy to the State Executive and Legislative arms of the Government for an increase in the health sector budget, has yielded a positive result. The House Committee on Health has approved an increase of the health sector budget from 13.8% to 15.23%.

## Lessons

- The partnership between the Drugs and Medical Supply Agency (DMSA) and Accountability Mechanism for MNCH in Kano State (AMMKAs) has led to the establishment of 71 additional facility health committees (FHCs) in the state, bringing their total number to 264.
- Involving traditional leaders and the local government council personnel in community distribution of Misoprostol in Warawa LGA has aided the identification of literate traditional birth attendants (TBAs) that can effectively fill the data collection forms. The District Head, in collaboration with the LGA Chairman, made a financial commitment to support the re-orientation of the TBAs.

## Transition and Sustainability

- The Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health and Human Development (KECCOH-HD) is fully funding the conduct of review meetings with community volunteers to increase uptake of maternal, newborn and child health services.
- The State Government has set aside N 48.5 million to renovate 20 health facilities across the state.
- The State House Committee on Appropriation has reviewed and increased the 2019 health sector budget to 15.23%, which is above the 15% Abuja Declaration benchmark.

“The benefits of including MNCH2 Safe Space Interventions in women centres cannot be over-emphasised. Health is core and central to any form of human development. The methodology and technique is appropriate to adult learning obtained at the centres.”

- Hajija Yardada Maikano Bichi  
Honourable Commissioner,  
Ministry of Women Affairs

## Priorities for next month

- Conduct distribution of free maternal, newborn and child health drugs and medical consumables to all the supported facilities.
- Intensify engagement with Saving One Million Lives (SOML) to influence more funding of demand creation activities.
- Provide technical support to the SMoH in conducting monthly Control Room meetings for data validation checks.
- Support economic and financial analysis and modelling of Kano State Contributory Health Care Scheme (KSCHS).



MNCH2 outreach team provides immunisation services at Gayawa community, Ungoggo LGA.

births assisted by skilled personnel  
**351,667**

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**686,607**

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**219,899**

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**1,476,213**

additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**530,080**