



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria with a population of 3.4 million and a mainly agrarian economy. Most of the state's wards (98.4%) have a functional health facility; under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- 1,937 women and children benefited from integrated reproductive maternal and child health services in 12 hard-to-reach communities across Fika and Potiskum LGAs.
- Frequent mentoring and coaching of staff in primary healthcare facilities has improved their skills in managing inventories of commodities, leading to significant improvements in Logistics Management Information System data as evidenced by the increase in the percentage of health facilities with minimum stock levels from 2% to 23% in the last 3 months.
- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health to conduct Data Quality Assessments (DQAs) which recorded an average performance of 71% - higher than in any of the previous quarters (66%, 62% and 69% in Q1, Q2 and Q3 respectively).



MNCH2 Outreach Team providing medical services to women and children at Tudun Wada Community, Fika LGA

Lessons

The conduct of a data mop-up exercise has gone a long way in improving data reporting on MNCH outcomes, particularly in relation to the numbers of clients receiving post-natal care within 24 hours of delivery, which showed an increase from 18,227 in February to 22,340 in March 2018. This further buttresses the need for conducting periodic data validation and mop-up exercises.

“ I never attended ANC services during my previous pregnancy but now after being a member of the Young Women Support Group, I understand the benefits attached to ANC services and have attended twice during my present pregnancy.”

- Maryam Ilu,

Young Women Support Group member,
Bayamari Community, Anguwan Sarkin Juji

Transition and Sustainability

- The National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) leadership in the state are collaborating with the Local Government Chairmen to mobilise funds to sustain the emergency transport scheme.
- Facility Health Committee (FHC) members and Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) of Maternal and Child Health facility, Gwange in Damaturu LGA have started mobilising funds to sustain Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR), Young Women and Male Support Groups.

Priorities for next month

- Support the State Ministry of Health to re-orient LGA and health facility staff on the standard operating procedures in commodity logistics management.
- Distribute MNCH2-donated drugs, medical consumables and equipment to supported facilities.
- Engage the State Ministry of Health and Partners to institutionalise DQAs in their operations.
- Follow up on sustainability and transition activities with respective line ministries to develop an action plan and budget.



births assisted by skilled personnel
73,290



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
180,489



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
22,340



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
222,940



additional women using modern Family Planning methods
67,885