



Kano is located in northwest Nigeria. It has an estimated population of 13.4 million. The principal inhabitants of the state are the Hausa/Fulani people. Maternal mortality is 576/100,000 (NDHS 2013) and child mortality rate is 103/1000 live births. (MICS 2016/17).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 assisted the state with production of over 100,000 data collection tools (immunisation cards, antenatal registers, OPD monthly summary forms) and supported with the distribution plan, based on the findings of the LGA health facilities inventory assessment.
- MNCH2 conducted a two-day workshop with the Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health (KECCOH) to address deep-rooted cultural beliefs to create enabling environment for demand-side RMNCAH interventions.
- To enable procurement planning, MNCH2 supported the 2018 quantification of Integrated Maternal & Child Health (iMNCH) commodities. The estimated amount is 1.7 billion Naira for the 2016 – 2018 period (N465 million for 2018).



State M&E Coordinator hands over HMIS tools produced by MNCH2 to the Kano State Commissioner for Health.

Lessons

Involving Facility Health Committees (FHC) in monitoring can be effective in ensuring sustainability. For example, the MNCH2 training of FHC Chairmen in equipment monitoring has led to tracking of lost equipment from facilities to individuals, against whom legal action has been taken.

“*I don't think there has been a time when young married women have had an opportunity to discuss their maternal life until MNCH2 trained and mentored us. Since then we've been able to access facilities with our husbands' standing permission*”

- Malama Kande, Safe Space member, Lambu, Tofa LGA

Transition and Sustainability

The Commissioner of Health, with over 100 stakeholders from the health sector, has started to develop the State Strategic Development Plan (SSDP II). The State Sustainable development plan II will be informed by government priorities for the health sector and the draft includes activities that will support MNCH2 transition.

Priorities for next month

- Support to the State Primary Healthcare Management Board (SPHMB) to conduct an Organisational Capacity Assessment (OCA).
- Finalisation of the domesticated Minimum Service Package document with the SPHMB.
- Strengthened referral system and promote Healthy Timing Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) services. Utilization in the communities
- Support FHC Alliance quarterly meeting.
- Development of strategy to integrate the use of misoprostol at the community level.

