



Kaduna State, in northwest Nigeria, has a population of 7.7 million. The state boasts a functional Primary Health Facility in every ward. Immunisation coverage is 25% and antenatal visit attendance has improved from 30% in 2008 to 43.8% in 2017. Contraceptive prevalence rate is 24.10% while unmet need for family planning is 22%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the State Operations Research Advisory Committee (ORAC) to institutionalise research governance and guidance.
- To strengthen health care services and update the knowledge and skills of health care workers through capacity building, mentoring and coaching, the programme conducted Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) visits to 138 supported health facilities in all the 23 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of the state

Lessons

- The MNCH2-established facility health committees have proven to be effective in ensuring accountability at all level in the supported health facilities, which has led to efficiency in utilisation of provided commodities and health services by the medical personnel.
- Quarterly data quality audits conducted in collaboration with the State Government have helped to improve the reporting rate across primary health centers in the state,

Transition and Sustainability

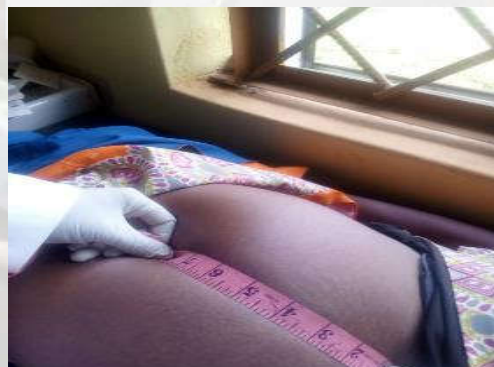
The State Government has started taking ownership of some of the institutionalised activities supported by MNCH2, e.g. The Operations Research Advisory Committee, Master Trainers and Mentors, with inclusion of these activities in the state's 2018 Budget for sustainability.

“There is a general perception among the community members that government functionaries' health services delivery cannot be challenged, and cannot be held accountable. But with the right orientation, through MNCH2 accountability work, the community members have proven again and again that they can hold the government responsible and demand for improved health care services in their community through the Facility Health Committee (FHC) initiative”.

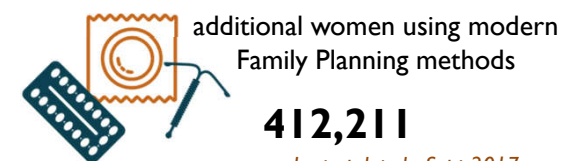
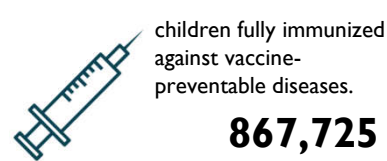
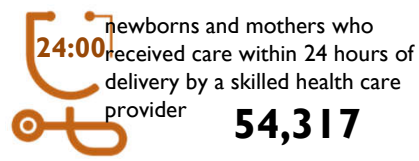
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Priorities for next month

- Conduct of Post Training Supportive Supervision (PTSS) to 42 service providers in 7 LGAs
- Intensification of efforts to involve community and religious leaders on maternal health issues in hard-to-reach communities with a view to increasing demand for RMNCAH.



A service provider measuring fundal height during an ANC session at Miyyati PHC, Igabi LGA



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