



Kano State is located in North-Western Nigeria. It has an estimated population of 13.4 million. The principal inhabitants of the state are the Hausa/Fulani people. The maternal mortality rate is 576/100000 (NDHIS 2013) and child mortality rate 103/1000 lives birth (MICs 2016/17).

## Key achievements

- MNCH2 conducted a training for 53 midwives aimed at increasing their skills in administering long-acting reversible contraceptives and other Family Planning methods.
- In collaboration with the State Ministry of Health and the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON), the programme developed a strategy aimed at reducing maternal deaths due to postpartum haemorrhage using existing community structures and developed guidelines for community distribution of misoprostol.
- The facility health committee in Jae'n, Gwale Local Government Area (LGA) demonstrated ownership by building a waiting shed and providing seating to ease hardship for women accessing ANC and immunization services.

## Lessons

Involvement of stakeholders in planning process is key to the ensuring ownership and implementation of planned activities. Weak implementation of the 2016 AOP plans, which hindered the performance of primary health care has been linked to limited stakeholder involvement.

Engagement of local government primary health care staff and communities in the development of the state's 2017 annual operation plan (AOP) has enhanced implementation performance.

## Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government has established a Health Care Contributory Scheme which is taking off in 86 Health facilities with an initial grant of N250 million.
- The State Government has adopted most of the programme's advocated MNCH activities into its AOP for sustainability.
- To supplement government and partner efforts and ensure sustainability, Ja'en FHC developed a 2017 budget of N2 million which is already being implemented.

## Priorities for next month

- Advocacy for budget release to implement research in the state.
- Finalisation of the domesticated Minimum Service Package document with the State Primary Healthcare Management Board.
- Increase advocacy efforts and propagation of the benefits of the utilization of orthodox MNCH services.


*“We have reduced the patients' waiting time hardship by providing satellite television, sitting materials and toilet facilities for them in a conducive and enabling environment”*


**- Alh Kabiru Ado Jaen,  
FHC Chairman, Jaen PHC**


**Patient waiting area and sitting benches donated by the FHC at Ja'en, Gwale LGA**




 births assisted by skilled personnel  
**217,368**

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC  
**502,604**

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**112,536**

 children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**1,021,574**

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**271,252**