

KATSINA



Katsina State is located in the Sahel Savannah in northwest Nigeria. It has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvement in some health indicators: delivery by skilled birth attendant has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40% and immunisation coverage is 6%. The unmet need for child spacing is 29.5%. (MICs 2016/2017)

Key achievements

- The programme provided technical assistance to the State Ministry of Health's Logistics Management Coordination Unit and the National Supply Chain Integration Programme (NSCIP) to develop the first edition of Quarterly Stock Status Report (QSSR) of maternal and child health commodities.
- Religious leaders were supported to conduct sermons on lingering MNCH issues and improving access to RMNCAH services at the community level. Male Support Group facilitators also carried out the same activities in the communities through interpersonal communication on MNCH, community outreaches, referrals, mobilization of volunteers for blood donations and facilitating standing permission for women to access MNCH services.
- The recruitment and training of 80 more Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) volunteers has led to an increase in numbers transported to access care - 3842 women and children with complications were transported through efforts of these volunteers.

Lessons

- Linking up the traditional birth attendants (TBAs) with the community structures, has been increasing antenatal attendance and demand for other maternal health care services in the state.
- The involvement of LGA health educators and promoters improves collaboration and buy-in of the Village Health Committees' (VHC) activities in the LGA.
- MNCH2 partnership with UNICEF's WASH Programme provides an opportunity to tackle lack of water in MNCH2-supported health facilities across the state.

Transition and sustainability

The programme continues to support advocacy to state government policy makers for continued printing of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) registers for facilities in the state. These efforts have already bearing fruits with the inclusion of a line item for this in the proposed budget for 2018

Priorities for next month

- Support for Katsina State Government officials to undertake a study tour to Jigawa and Kano states on implementation of a Drug Revolving Fund (DRF).
- Support the training of medical record officers and service providers on National Management health Information System data tools.
- Mentorship and re-enforcement of skills of health workers to improve quality of health services and motivation of community gatekeepers to mobilise women to assess services in health facilities.



Routine Immunization session at Dan Tudu village PHC, Maska catchment settlement, Funtua LGA

"I really appreciate the efforts and contributions made by MNCH2 in improving maternal and child health through the capacity building and regular supportive supervision"

- Hauwa'u Ibrahim
Facility In-charge
MCH Hindatu., Daura LGA



111,514



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

451,519



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

62,631



children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

473,974



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

135,397

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