



Kano is located in north-western Nigeria. With an estimated population of 13.4 million, it is the most populous of Nigeria's 36 states. The maternal mortality rate is 576/100000 (NDHIS 2013) and child mortality rate 103/1000 lives birth (MICs 2016/17).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 coached 40 health care workers across 10 LGAs in the state to improve their skills in insertion of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs); IUD insertion and removal; management of normal labour using partograph; active management of 3rd stage of labour; newborn care and high-level disinfection.
- The programme conducted spot-checks in supported facilities. Findings demonstrate the strengths of a functional drug revolving fund scheme (91% score); with 88% data tools availability. The provision of outreach services scores 65%, and the availability of basic equipment 63%; there is 60% availability of RMNCH commodities; demand creation linkages are scored at 54% with RMNCH services provision at 53%.

Lessons

- Following regular trainings and the engagement with male support groups, we are observing more young people volunteering to donate blood to help reduce maternal deaths.
- Investigations have revealed that the increased rate of perinatal deaths recorded in Dambatta General hospital last month seem to be connected with an illegal maternity house run by a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) at Jibgar Fulani Community in Tadeta village in Makoda LGA.

“ We are very grateful and appreciate the efforts of MNCH2 in giving us these free drugs and sensitive equipment, which are to be distributed to our rural and metropolitan hospitals in Kano. MNCH2 has also gone to the extent of renovating some health care facilities in the rural communities [...] I will like to use this opportunity to call on international community to come to our aid because we have the largest population in the country. The support given to Kano State Government by MNCH2 cannot be quantified.”

- Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje,
Executive Governor, Kano State

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government conducted Logistics Management Coordination Unit (LMCU) training and procured free MNCH drugs worth 8 million naira. This demonstrates and signals ownership and sustainability of MNCH2 driven activities. Funds (3.75 million naira) realised through the Drug Revolving Fund have been set aside for training PHC Coordinators of the LGA LMCUs and M&E Officers across the 44 LGAs of the state on healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy, vaccines, malaria, TB/Leprosy and HIV/AIDS.
- To enable continuous monitoring of the availability of MNCH commodities, the State Primary Health Care Management Board (SPHCMB) is integrating MNCH tracer drugs into the logistics management information system software.

Priorities for next month

- Strengthen harmonisation of community demand structures by collectively agreeing on strategies to address demand structure linkages in communities.
- Orient key stakeholders on verbal autopsy based on the Community Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance Response (MPDSR) approach.
- Advocate to the Executive Governor to facilitate assent and sign into law the State Contributory Healthcare Scheme and Task Shifting Policy bills.



Kano State Governor Dr Abdullahi Ganduje, Health Commissioner Dr Kabir Getso and MNCH2 State Team Leader Dayyabu Mahmud at the commissioning Labor ward renovated by MNCH2

