



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 skill 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 led the Katsina State Logistics Management Coordinating Unit (LMCU) and key stakeholders to develop the Stock Status Review for Quarter 3. This edition is the second to be produced for the state and covered eight programme areas: HIV/AIDS, family planning, MNCH, TB, malaria, vaccines, Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), and State Government's Free Medicare.
- The programme established and mentored young women support groups in all 34 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the state.
- Data Quality Assurance (DQA) with technical support and on-the-job-mentoring to service providers was conducted in 210 health facilities (6 per each of the 34 LGAs) in the state.

Lessons

Human resource for health deficits have made it difficult for most of the primary health centers in rural areas to run two shifts a day, which is driving people to traditional medicine vendors for treatment in the evening and weekends.

“Data quality assurance has helped us a lot in ensuring data validity and consistency in all the facilities across the state. With MNCH2 support, data reporting has been impressively improved. No amount of words can express our gratitude to this organisation.”

- Ahmed Buba

Chairman, Local Government M&E Forum

Transition and Sustainability

As a result of sustained intensive MNCH2 advocacy to the State Government, the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) has included a line item for printing of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) data tools in the ministry's budget for 2018.

In collaboration with Saving One Million Lives Programme for Results (SOML – P4R), the SMOH has taken ownership of some key activities implemented by MNCH2. This includes support for the NHMIS training for the Health Facility In-Charges and all Medical Record Officers across 1,595 Health Facilities.


Priorities for next month

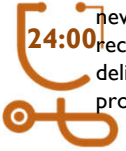
- Intensify mentoring visits to health facilities to improve the quality of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) data.
- Mentor 14 primary healthcare facilities to improve the quality of NHMIS data across the state.




MNCH2 State M&E Coordinator reviewing data tools with facilities' in-charge officers at the Primary Health Management Board Katsina.

 births assisted by skilled personnel **116,100**

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits **461,553**

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider **64,379**

 children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases. **489,048**

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods **144,243**

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