



Zamfara is located in northwest Nigeria and has a population of 4.1 million (with 800,000 children under five). Maternal Mortality Ratio is 1,100 deaths per 100,000 live births. Infant mortality is 104 per 1000 live births. Contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 3.3% in 2011 to 5% 2016. (MICS 2011-2016).

### Key achievements

The programme procured and distributed N42 million worth of RMNCH commodities (such as Hepatitis B and C rapid test kits; sanitary pads; umbilical cord clamps, urinary catheters, adult and child tongue depressors) to facilities across the state.

A total of 96 women with pregnancy-related complications across 13 LGAs were transported through the emergency transport scheme.

A total of 2,382 clients benefitted from different services during outreaches, including: 359 pregnant women receiving antenatal care; 748 sick children under 5 receiving integrated management of childhood illnesses care; 628 under 5 children receiving immunisation; 373 women of child bearing age receiving Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy (HTSP) services; 57 newly-delivered mothers and their babies receiving post-natal care; 211 elderly people with other health related conditions treated as out-patients; and a further 6 clients with serious conditions referred for further investigations and proper management.



A woman receives Ladio pack after accessing HTSP services at Gwantau Community, Maaradun LGA.

### Lessons

- The distribution of Ladio packs to women during access to HTSP services serves as an incentive, encouraging more women to turn up for such services.
- Engaging local community mobilizers during outreaches improves acceptability of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services on offer by the community members.



*The media - as I have always said - will remain committed in publicising the good activities of this body (Zamfara Accountability Mechanism on MNCH - ZAMoM) in order to fully address the issue of maternal and child mortality in Zamfara state.*

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### Transition and Sustainability

The State Ministry for Religious Affairs has proposed 5 Million Naira for demand generation activities in its 2018 budget. This amount represents the total funds projected for the year as captured in the state's Annual Operation Plan.

### Priorities for next month

- Support the State Central Medical Store in continuous prompt distribution of medical consumables and life-saving RMNCH essential drugs to health facilities to ensure uninterrupted supplies and prevent stock-outs.
- Follow up with the engagement of traditional institutions for RMNCH services demand creation.
- Advocate for the increase of health budgetary allocation and releases of funds for the health sector.
- Engage with the Executive Secretary of the State Primary Health Care Board and Primary Health Care Directors to map out strategies that will ensure sustainability of the Village Health Committee intervention.

