



Kaduna State, in northwest Nigeria, has a population of 7.7 million. The state boasts a functional primary health facility in every ward. Immunisation coverage is 25% and antenatal visit attendance has improved from 30% in 2008 to 43.8% in 2017. Contraceptive prevalence rate is 24.10% while unmet need for family planning is 22%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

Key achievements

- MNCH2 trained Young Women Support Groups (YWSGs) across 3 local government areas on fundraising, nutrition and other skills.
- The programme trained 36 religious leaders across all the 23 LGAs on relaying messages on the benefits of antenatal services, facility delivery, routine immunisation and healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy (HTSP) at religious gatherings such as Friday prayers and Sunday sermons.
- The programme provided technical assistance aimed at ensuring accountability to newly-established facility health committees (FHCs) in 20 LGAs.
- Labour unions and other informal sector actors were sensitised on the State Contributory Healthcare Scheme.

Lessons

- Integration of FHCs with community volunteers during outreaches has led to increased coverage and identification of more communities with unmet needs.
- The ongoing sensitisation on the State Contributory Health Scheme has led to people and organisations seeing more reasons why they should support and key-in to the scheme.

Transition and Sustainability

- The Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN) has taken over Safe Space Initiative (SSI) activities.
- The State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) has received approval to recruit 3,059 health workers to meet the minimum service delivery gap in the 255 primary health centres in the State.

Priorities for next month

- Training of the Kaduna State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (KDMWASD) on MNCH2 demand creation activities
- Provide technical support to the KDMWASD on strategies to engage traditional birth attendants for community mobilisation.
- Monitor medical consumables’ distribution to all the health facilities in the state.
- Mentor private health facilities’ Records Officers on effective utilisation of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) tools.

“The technical and financial support given to the State Government by MNCH2 has been very rewarding and the state will miss these after the programme exits. We are looking forward to exploring all measures possible to sustain their activities and ensure best practice.”

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MNCH2 staff with the State Labour Union Chairman during stakeholders’ sensitisation on the State Contributory Healthcare Scheme.



births assisted by skilled personnel
271,592

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
731,937

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
156,407

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
1,177,084

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
616,804