



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 child mortality rate is 103/1000 live births (MICS 2016/17), with less than 50% of children under 5 fully vaccinated and 20% availability of child health cards (MICS 2017).

Key achievements

The programme successfully conducted quarterly Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) in 183 supported facilities across the state's 44 local government areas (LGAs).

MNCH2 distributed medical consumables worth over N85 Million to 266 supported health facilities.

There is an increase in the availability of tracer drugs across all supported facilities from 73% in the last to 77% this quarter due to consistent tracking and effective utilisation of the maternal and newborn child health commodities.

Integrated medical outreach services covered 144 women with insertion of implants, 459 with oral pills, 703 with Depo-Provera injections; 2,069 clients received antenatal services, 2,148 - Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) services, 553 - postnatal services, 1,025 - immunisation services, 6,935 - outpatient services and 352 were referred to higher levels of care in 142 communities across 37 LGAs.

Lessons

- A spot check conducted by the Executive Secretary of Hospital Management Board (HMB) has led to reforms on request of tracer drugs re-supply, regular mentoring and provision of credit notes for improvements in availability of free maternal and child health drugs.
- Reporting errors observed during the conduct of data quality audits necessitated a data mop-up which showed increases in figures for postnatal care within 24hrs data from 45,701 to 50,446 and new family planning acceptors from 90,659 to 95,120.
- Partners in the state have resolved to give feedback to HMB Directors immediately after partners' meetings in order improve accountability and responsiveness of health care delivery and ensure rapid action.

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government and UK Department for International Development (DFID) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to sustain the gains of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Programme (MNCH2).
- The newly established Contributory Health Care Scheme has generated N1.2Billion from 260,000 enrollees in the last 4 months.
- State Ministry of Health has taken over the conduct of Control Room meetings and trained 120 Medical Records Officers on documentation in order to improve data reporting and evidence-based decision making.
- The State Commissioner of Health has approved the conduct of a 2-day workshop with the State Technical Team to analyse the Drugs and Medical Consumables Supply Agency (DMCSA) Law 2009, to identify gaps and come up with recommendations for review by the State House of Assembly.

“Our LGA teams' planning and budgeting capacities have been strengthened, as evident in the development of the 44 LGA PHC Departments' 2019 Annual Operational Plans (AOPs). We appreciate MNCH2 for the technical support; their efforts have contributed immensely to successes recorded by the state. I'm assuring you that going forward we will sustain the development of these AOPs annually.”

- Bashir Sunusi

Director - Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation
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Priorities for next month

- Distribution of free maternal, newborn and child health drugs and consumables to supported facilities.
- Work with the State Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to empower the National Council on Women and affiliated women organisations to intensify commitments to sustaining MNCH demand creation after programme close out.
- Ensure prompt data reporting by the Medical Records Officers across all the LGAs.

Head of DFID Nigeria, Debbie Palmer and the Executive Governor of Kano State sign the MNCH2 Transition Memorandum of Understanding at the Government House, Kano.



births assisted by skilled personnel
313,341

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
643,117

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
193,912

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
1,380,804

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
466,120