

Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria and borders four Nigerian states as well as the Republic of Niger. It has a population of 3.4 million. Its economy is mainly based on agriculture. Under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000 live births, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most (98.4%) wards have a functional health facility (MICs 2016/2017).

## Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the distribution of the inventory and medical equipment registers across all supported facilities in the state.
- There is an increase in the minimum stock levels of essential maternal, newborn and child health commodities from 40% in the last quarter to 61% this quarter due to regular monitoring of stock levels by the programme.
- 2,027 women and children were reached with reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services during outreaches conducted in 11 hard-to-reach communities in 2 local government areas (LGAs) – Yusufari and Fune.

## Lessons

Quarterly review meeting with graduated members of safe space initiative (SSI) at the community level has opened windows of opportunities for reaching and engaging more women through social gatherings.

“*I lack words to express my feelings towards MNCH2. All I can say is thank you. Before the introduction of the Facility Health Committee (FHC) in this facility, many of us thought hospitals are government property. But now, we realise the importance of community participation in the management of health facilities, as a result of which we have begun to upgrade our facility with our own funds. We started by capitalising the Drug Revolving Fund (DRF), connected the hospital to the national grid, and rehabilitated the maternity ward. For all these, credit goes to MNCH2 for directing us on the right path”.*

- Abdullahamid Baba,

Facility Health Committee Chairman,  
Gadaka MCH, Fika LGA

## Transition and Sustainability

- The State Ministry of Health (SMoH) conducted mentoring visits on record keeping to 6 hard-to-reach primary health centers in the state.
- The State Ministry for Religious Affairs has integrated RMNCH activities into the existing Rashia Committees across all the 17 LGAs.
- The Saving One Million Lives (SOML) initiative has developed a workplan with a view to integrating traditional birth attendants with other community volunteers for health activities in the state.


## Priorities for next month


- Formation of zonal Planned Preventive Maintenance (PPM) teams for medical and cold chain equipment and support the distribution and installation of last supplies of medical equipment to supported health facilities
- Follow-up with Ministry of Women Affairs and civil society organisations (CSOs) to build the capacity of new members of Young Women Support Groups (YWWSG) on community mobilisation.
- Provide technical support to SOML in the conduct of quarter 3 data quality assurance.
- Proactively engage the State Government to carry forward the Bill for the establishment of the Contributory Healthcare Scheme.




MNCH2 Outreach Team provides RMNCH services at Bula community, Busari LGA

 births assisted by skilled personnel  
**94,869**

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**210,550**

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**29,225**

 children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**277,464**

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**82,872**