



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

Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported Emirate Health Committees to conduct medical outreaches at internally-displaced persons' camps in Gummi, Anka, Zurmi, Birnin Magaji, Talata Mafara and Maradun local government areas (LGAs).
- The programme trained civil society and community-based organisations (CSOs and CBOs) on demand generation strategies to sustain the Safe Space Initiative and Young Women Support Group (SSI-YWSG) interventions across all the state's 14 LGAs.
- A total of 2,666 clients have benefitted from integrated outreach interventions across 9 communities in 3 local government areas.
- Due to regular mentoring and coaching of facility in-charges and medical record officers overall data quality in the state increased from 87% in the last quarter to 91% in the current quarter.

Lessons

- Continuous coaching and mentoring has brought about improvements in the availability of tracer drugs in health facilities from 54% in August to 60% in September 2018.
- Political unrest in the state has slowed down planned engagements with top government officials in the state.

“The MNCH2 programme has been expertly-designed to bring together influential people like religious and traditional leaders and make them understand the importance of utilising reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services. I assure you of our intent to continue with the monitoring and supervision of community-based interventions to ensure best practices”.

- Alhaji Abdullahi Maharazu Talata Mafara,
Hon. Commissioner,
Zamfara State Ministry of Religious Affairs

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs has agreed to purchase and distribute laptops to the 14 local government Planning Officers in order to fulfil their expected roles after transition.
- Failure of the State Government to inaugurate the Governing Board of the State Primary Health Care Board is leading to delays to the full implementation of Primary Health Care Under One Roof (PHCUOR) in the state.

Priorities for next month

- Provide technical support to Health Promotion Officers to continue mentoring facility health committees (FHCs) in the state.
- Conduct mentoring visits to improve data quality and reporting across 28 health facilities - two each from each LGA.
- Follow-up with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) on data quality assurance (DQA) transition.
- Advocate to State Primary Healthcare Board to establish more FHCs in non-supported health facilities.



Traditional rulers attending a one-day meeting on developing a strategic plan to sustain demand creation activities in Gusau.



101,771



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

132,424



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

38,809



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.

268,500



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

141,732