



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%. (NURHI/MICS 2017)

### Key achievements

- A total of 2,185 clients were reached with integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (iRMNCH) services through medical outreaches conducted in 9 local government areas (LGAs).
- Data validation conducted by the programme revealed an increase in District Health Management Information System (DHIS2) reporting rates from 78.9% in September to 81% in November.
- MNCH2 conducted sensitisation of formal and informal sector actors on the importance of the state Contributory Health Scheme across all the 23 LGAs.



MNCH2-trained Emergency Transport Scheme driver escorts a family to receive immunisation services at Kakuri Gwari Primary Health Care (PHC) facility, Kaduna South LGA.

### Lessons

- Male support groups are setting up committees to monitor the activities and stop patronage of street drug hawkers.
- More women in the state are volunteering to participate in Safe Space Initiative (SSI) with a view to acquire the basic vocational skills trainings provided.

“As traditional leaders, we meet regularly with the health workers and their management. MNCH2 trained us on how to report any outbreaks of diseases and we advocate now for better quality of health services.”

- Alhaji Sadiq Hamza, Ward Head, Badiko Kaduna South LGA

### Transition and Sustainability

- The State Ministry of Health (SMoH) through the Saving One Million Lives (SOML) Initiative has conducted its first Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) activities in 52 health facilities across 8 LGAs.
- The SMoH has confirmed the renovation of 200 of the 255 health facilities to be renovated as part of earmarked upgrades.

### Priorities for next month

- Support State Led-Accountability Mechanism (SLAM) platforms to develop and implement advocacy action plans.
- Provide technical support to State Ministry of Health (SMoH) to review and implement its monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan.
- Follow-up with the Primary Health Care Development Agency on distribution of Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools to facilities with stockouts of the tools.
- Support the state Monitoring and Evaluation officers to conduct ISS in all programme-supported health facilities.

