



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

- MNCH2-conducted integrated medical outreach services reached 5,825 women and children with services ranging from immunisations, insertion of implants, injectable contraceptives, oral pills, antenatal, postnatal care and integrated management of childhood illnesses services, outpatient services and referrals to next level of care in 59 communities across 27 LGAs.
- The programme built the capacity of 172 Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) managers for better handling of DRF drugs and medical consumables to enhance accountability and continuity of DRF scheme for access and utilisation of services in health facilities.
- MNCH2 supported the review and finalisation of a 5-year strategic frame work for the Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health and Human Development (KECCOH-HD).

### Lessons

- Frequent staff transfers and posting of untrained health personnel has led to a decline in the performance of the DRF scheme in some health facilities in the State.
- Integration of quality of care assessment tool with data quality assessment tool into Open Data Kit (ODK) online-enabled software has significantly reduced costs of printing and minimised errors in reporting.

### Transition and Sustainability

- The Head of Service has approved Human Resource for Health (HRH) recruitment across the state with directives given to the Primary Health Care Management Board (PHCMB) and Hospital Management Board (HMB) to proceed with recruitment processes.
- The State Drug Management Supply Agency (DMSA) had distributed free reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health drugs worth 8.5 million naira to 26 secondary health facilities and 154 primary health centres across the state.
- In recognition and appreciation of the remarkable role and impact of MNCH2-trained community volunteers, KECCOH-HD facilitated the recognition of outstanding community volunteers by His Royal Highness Muhammadu Sanusi II, Emir of Kano.
- The State Ministry of Health has commenced conduct of the monthly control room without MNCH2 funding, using the Saving One Million Lives (SOML) funds.

“Before now, we used to take deliveries but now we do not, we only escort the pregnant women to the hospitals to attend ANC and during delivery. At the beginning of the MNCH2 programme, women used to dodge us because we did not have a means of identification. But now we have branded bags, hijabs (veils), umbrellas and log books, so we are now accepted.”

- Hajiya Gambo,  
Traditional Birth Attendant,  
Kofar Yamma, Dambatta LGA

### Priorities for next month

- Conduct follow-up meeting with the State House of Assembly members on effective techniques of improving healthcare workers' recruitment in the state.
- Provide technical support to SOML for the adoption of MNCH2 community level interventions to increase utilisation of services.
- Conduct Drugs and Medicals Consumables Supply Agency (DMCSA) and Primary Health Care Management Board (PHCMB) law review consultative meetings with the Kano State House of Assembly.



MNCH2 outreach team provides integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services at Kudai community, Tofa LGA.



births assisted by skilled personnel  
**343,150**



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**673,622**



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**211,170**



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**1,445,710**



additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**507,322**