



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 8,822 clients were reached with integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services through medical outreaches conducted across the 23 local government areas (LGAs).
- The programme conducted 52 practical sessions on exclusive breast feeding and nutrition in 4 communities affected by malnutrition in Rigasa LGA.
- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) to develop the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Kaduna State Contributory Health Management Agency (KSCHMA).

Lessons

Employing the services of clerics and traditional rulers in creating awareness has proven more effective than using town criers and community forums which community members hardly turn up to.

“ We have had opportunities to interact with several development partners and had trainings on immunisation, antenatal care services, child spacing and community mobilisation etc. but none of them has a unique style like MNCH2. An ordinary person can step down the training to a friend and family members. I pray that you will keep it up and God will continue to bless you for the good work.”

- Laraba Tukur
Women Leader and FHC member,
PHC Kwata, Zaria

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) has reactivated, trained and mentored 23 additional Facility Health Committees (FHCs) on monitoring service delivery in the state.
- With a view to increasing revenue to support health care delivery, the Kaduna State Government has engaged *Interswitch* to register all 33 General Hospitals’ in the state on the payment platform to enable them to make direct payments into the State Government’s accounts.

Priorities for next month

- Conduct a refresher training for stakeholders and civil society organisations on how to support and sustain demand creation activities.
- Support the inauguration of 23 LGA Integrated Data Control Room (IDCR) Officers.
- Engage local gatekeepers to sensitise community members on the importance of immunisation.
- Conduct post training supportive supervision to newly trained service providers in 4 local government areas.



MNCH2-trained health worker gives polio immunisation to a child at Palladan community, Sabon Gari LGA.

