



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%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

Key achievements

- The programme graduated 678 young women support group members – 95% of those enrolled. The graduates are now championing Antenatal Care (156), facility delivery (75), Routine Immunisation (78), Family Planning (105) and awareness of Sexual Transmission Infections (34).
- The programme supported quarterly mentoring and self-assessment for 50 Facility Health Committees (FHCs) in the state with results showing that 95% of the FHCs meeting good standards.
- The programme distributed hospital equipment worth nearly four million naira to the 138 supported health facilities to improve the quality of services.

Lessons

- Involving the local government Reproductive Health Coordinator, Health Educator and community leaders in the selection of community volunteers helps in identifying experienced and committed people.
- Aligning our Routine Immunisation plan to the one developed by partners (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Dangote Foundation) has improved the coordination in delivering immunisation services in the state.

Transition and Sustainability

In line with its initiative of establishing one functional primary healthcare facility per ward, the Kaduna State Government has renovated and provided free reproductive maternal child health in 15 health facilities.

Priorities for next month

- Advocate to the state government to adopt the Master Trainer Mentor model.
- Create a forum supported by the Local government Health Educators to strengthen the community-based structures on effective delivery of MNCH services.
- Carry out high-level advocacy to the state government for sustainability and exit strategy
- Deepen collaboration with stakeholders and civil society organisations on how to support demand creation activities for sustainability.

“Traditional rulers should convince the men, because in our culture, the husbands are the primary decision-makers. It is the husband that will decide, if a woman will access health facility; children are to be immunised; or whether they will use healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy services”

- Fatima Mohammed,
TBA, Tudun Wada Community,
Kaduna North LGA



Toilets erected by facility health committee members in PHC Dutsenwaj, Kubau LGA.

births assisted by skilled personnel
206,496

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
600,893

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
75,035

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
962,461

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
465,111