



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 maternal mortality rate is 576/100,000 (NDHIS 2013) and child mortality rate 103/1000 live births (MICs 2016/17).

Key achievements

- Following the health sector budget cut from 12.7% of the total in 2017 to 10.7% in the 2018 proposal, MNCH2 organised a budget advocacy meeting to critically review the proposed budget against the evidence base, as a result of which the Governor has been convinced to increase the allocated budget to 13.08% of the total annual.
- The programme conducted integrated RMNCH outreach services in 159 communities. A total of 5,145 pregnant women were reached with ante-natal services, 4,004 with integrated management of childhood illnesses services, 3,802 with Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy, 4557 with Routine Immunisation and 1,041 with post-natal care services.
- The programme's assessment of Routine Immunization on-the-job training found a 60% reduction in errors in information management compared with the baseline.



MNCH2 Outreach Team providing routine immunisation services in Uguwar Dashi community, Doguwa LGA

Lessons

- The increase into the health sector budget demonstrates the strength of the collaboration MNCH2 has built over the years with key stakeholders in the state (Ministry of health, Primary Healthcare management board, Civil Society Organisations and the State House of Assembly).
- Data mop-up and mentoring to health facilities, helps improve data quality by addressing knowledge gaps among medical record officers

“ We are grateful for the MNCH2 interventions, especially the RMNCH services. The kind of support on routine immunisation through ‘on the job’ capacity building is key to our success. The mentoring support given to us has changed our job performance.”

Bala Ibrahim
Health Worker
Bari PHC, Rogo LGA

Transition and Sustainability

The state government has increased health sector 2018 budget by 6 Billion (19%) to a total of 31 Billion Naira which mitigates risks to sustainability.

Priorities for next month

- Distribute drugs, medical consumables and equipment to supported facilities.
- Provide technical support to the State Emergency Routine Immunization Coordination Centre (SERICC) to enhance RI performance.
- Collaborate with facilities in the state to ensure that all perinatal deaths are reviewed as soon as they occur, and ensure all causes of maternal and perinatal deaths are clearly stated.

