



Zamfara is located in northwest Nigeria and has a population of 4.1 million (including 800,000 children under 5). Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 1,100 deaths per 100,000 live births; Infant mortality is 104 /1000 live births. Contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 3.3% in 2011 to 5% 2016. (MIC survey 2011-2016).

### Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) on the proper use of the Logistic Management Information System (LMIS) tools and data capturing with printing of tools, mentoring and coaching.
- The programme conducted the biannual Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance Review (MPDSR) across all the secondary health centres in the state.
- The programme conducted integrated outreach services across 13 communities in 5 local governments areas of the state. A total of 1,845 clients have benefited from the interventions.

### Lessons

- Constant follow up with the leadership of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) State and local government focal persons through quarterly review meetings has contributed to achievement of 95% of the annual target
- Use of the Commcare mobile app to capture data has improved the data quality and timeliness.

### Transition and Sustainability

The SMoH has taken ownership for the Voluntary Obstetric Scheme (VOS) of the Society for Obstetric and Gynaecologist of Nigeria (SOGON), by providing funding for on-the-job training and supportive supervision across the state health facilities.

### Priorities for next month

- Support the state develop plans to access Save One Million Lives funding.
- As part of system strengthening, MNCH2 will support the state in the establishment of a Drug Management Agency (DMA).
- Provide technical support for the full implementation and repositioning of staff to the Zamfara State Primary Health Care Board.
- Ensure MNCH activities are included in the State and LGAs budget and advocate for the prompt release of funds for implementation.



*The Executive Governor of Zamfara State is happy with the new development that the State Ministry for Religious Affairs is intervening in the area of health, particularly in mobilisation, for the benefit of women and children through the support they are receiving from MNCH2. This has led to the approval of the N5,000,000 budgeted in the Annual Operational Plan”*

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VHC members launching a repaired borehole water well in Banga PHC, Kaura Namoda LGA

