



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 achieved a 2% improvement in Quality of Care across supported health facilities between February and March (from 85% to 87%) as measured by quality of care assessment tool (QoCAT).
- A total of 687 women benefitted from Safe Space Initiatives (SSI) across all the local government areas in the state.
- There has been an increase in percentage of supported health facilities with a minimum stock of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health commodities from 32.66% in December to 37.31% in March 2018.
- The programme mentored 54 Facility Health Committees (FHCs). Results of their performance assessments show that 95% have met good standards.

Lessons

- Newly-graduated Healthcare workers seek opportunities out of the state due to poor remuneration, contributing to the shortage of healthcare workers in the state.
- FHC members' tireless efforts and constant advocacy visits to traditional authorities at Kateri Community, Kachia LGA have led to their securing an additional plot of land to expand the health facility.
- Higher cost of drugs due to government's transformation policy is leading to patients resorting to cheaper alternatives in the private sector, with the attendant risk of exposure to sub-standard drugs.

Transition and Sustainability

The State Government has formed a Task Force to monitor the renovation of the 255 primary healthcare clinics (PHCs) across the state, resulting in completed renovations of 90 PHCs by the end of March 2018.

Priorities for next month

- Provide technical support to the State and Local Governments to improve data capturing and reporting on Logistics Management Information Systems (LMIS) at the health facility levels.
- Support the update of cold chain and medical equipment inventory assessment of State and LGA medical stores.
- Advocate to the State Government to provide logistics support to State Outreach Teams.
- Support the Drug Management Agency to distribute outstanding drugs and medical consumables in the State Central Stores.

“Women are now keen to attend our healthcare facility due to adequate equipment and well trained healthcare providers.”


- Fatima Auwalu,
SSI Member, Kakuri,
Kaduna South LGA.


A service provider talks to clients about the benefits of ANC attendance and immunisation at PHC Gamariga, Soba LGA




 births assisted by skilled personnel
229,131

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
647,010

 24:00 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
110,056

 children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
1,032,989

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods
515,408