



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

- Quarterly review meeting was conducted with the state Essential Drug Officers (EDOs). The activity was aimed at reviewing the status of drugs, medical consumables and laboratory reagents in the State, Local Government Areas Medical Stores (LGAMS) with the aim of identifying challenges to their availability well as strategizing to prevent stock-out.
- The Programme conducted mentoring and coaching sessions for 80 Service Providers across the 23 LGAs. Activities included the use of a standardised Post-Training Supportive Supervision tool (developed by MNCH2) to guide capacity development for improved Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) services.

Lessons

- Information sharing among high and low performing facility health committees (FHCs) promotes cross fertilization of ideas that improves performance
- Sensitivity regarding location for the conduct of Safe Space Initiative (SSI) sessions and using places that ensure privacy for the young girls increases their husbands confidence in the intervention and granting approval to participate.

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government procured additional motor bike ambulances to complement the State Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) intervention. This led to more women with obstetric complications being transported to the health facility.

Priorities for next month

- Support the conduct of Organisational Capacity Assessment (OCA) for 23 LGA and State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA)
- Support the conduct of data mop-up across all health facilities
- Train all the State and Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officers to conduct Data Quality Assessment (DQA) control room on the maternal newborn and child health indicators.
- Support LGA M&E officers to effect corrections and apply Change Management Procedures (CMP) in the District Health Information System(DHIS2) platform.

“ When I learnt that a group of young women were meeting at the primary school to discuss issues on maternal health, I didn't allow my wife to participate because of the location, although I knew it was a good thing. However, that has changed now because they've changed the location to the District Head's house. She is now free to attend.

- Aminu Musa Zubairu SSI member
Spouse Sabon gari LGA

A trained Nurse taking the Blood pressure of a woman during the mentoring and coaching visit at Barnawa PHC Kaduna South LGA

