



Katsina State is in the Sahel Savannah in northwest Nigeria. It has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvements in some health indicators: delivery by skill birth attendance has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40% and immunisation coverage is 6%. The unmet need for child spacing is 29.5% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

Lessons

Transition and Sustainability

- Rapid assessment of storage facilities were conducted in 12 selected medical stores across the state. The assessment aimed at reviewing compliance to good storage practices, identifying challenges to storage and distribution of essential medicines and other medical consumables.
- The programme provided technical support to the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in the development of Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan for the year 2019.
- MNCH2 supported the State Primary Health care Agency (SPHCA) in domesticating and costing of Minimum Service Package which also complements the requirement for accessing Basic Health care Provision Fund (BHCPF)
- The programme provided technical support in the development of healthcare budget scorecard. The scorecard is a very useful tool for advocacy for increased funding and release to the health sector of the state.

- Close collaboration between the State and LGA monitoring and evaluation officers during the monthly control room meetings has led to improvement in data quality and reporting rate of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) data in the state

- The State Government released more-than 60% of the NGN 280 Million budgeted for free Maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) drugs.
- SMoH has budgeted NGN 20 Million for the distribution of the procured medical consumables across all the health care facilities in the state.
- Katsina State Maternal Accountability forum KATMAF fully funded the development healthcare budget scorecard for advocacy during the month under review.

“We thank MNCH2 for always supporting our activities and I enjoin all of us to use this developed Health budget scorecard as tool for advocacy to improve quality of healthcare services in the state”.

- Dr. Sabiu Liadi Director Medical Services, Hospital Services Management Board

Priorities for next month


- Follow-up visits to State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) on Training of Trainers (T.O.T) for National Level Officers and development partners on Quality of Care step-down training
- Support the formation and Implementation of Quality Improvement Teams (Q.I.T) in the 3 Learning sites from the 3 senatorial zones
- Collaborate with Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and SMoH to train the LGA LMCU
- Follow up meeting with Safe Space Initiative (SSI) and Emergency Transport Scheme (ETS) data for the quarterly report




Group Picture during the domestication of Minimum service package in Katsina State.



births assisted by skilled personnel
229,792




pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
684,267



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
153,085



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
758,071



additional women using modern Family Planning methods
339,322