



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 child mortality rate is 103/1000 live births (MICS 2016/17), with less than 50% of children under 5 fully vaccinated and 20% availability of child health cards (MICS 2017).

Transition and Sustainability

Key achievements

- Forecasting and quantification of free MNCH2 essential medicines and medical consumables, covering a period of three years, was conducted by the SMOH with technical support from MNCH2 programme
- Immunisation Plus days (IPD) intervention aimed at increasing the state's routine immunization coverage was implemented by the SMOH with technical support from the MNCH2 programme
- Health facility assessment, covering 484 health facilities across all 44 LGAs in the state, was conducted to ascertain their eligibility to offer basic health care service in readiness for the BHCPF roll out

Lessons

- Engaging with Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health on health data reporting at the community level contributed to improved data quality and timeliness of reporting community health data.
- Consistent data validation checks through data control room improved data validity and consistency in the state
- Evidence-based advocacy using data (e.g Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR)) is more potent in triggering stakeholders commitment to exploring more innovative ways to reducing maternal and perinatal deaths

- Through the Saving One Million Lives (SOML) scheme, the state allocated and released funds (N441,000) to conduct data control room to improve HMIS data quality and reporting
- The state government recently recruited 420 health workers, including community midwives, to improve health workforce. The recruited community midwives will be posted to high volume Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to improve access and quality of healthcare service. Another 33 Midwives were trained on Integrated MNCH and already deployed to various health facilities
- To improve accountability and access to essential medicines, the state developed a monitoring dashboard for disbursement of free Maternal and Child Health (MCH) medicines, The SMOH has also concluded plans to expand outlets for free MNCH drugs from 321 health facilities to 484 across.
- Kano State continued to improve health facility infrastructure by allocating and releasing funds for renovation of Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital(N35M); Construction of medical waste incinerators in 33 General Hospitals(N35M); Renovation of 4 PHCs(N47m)

“ Today we are building another milestone by training data collectors for BHCPF facility assessment as one guideline to inform BHCPF plan and funding“

- Hon Commissioner of Health Kano State
Dr Kabiry Ibrahim Getso



North West zonal NHIS coordinator M. Saidu Adamu during field supervision for the BHCPF facility assessment at Chiromawa BHC in Bichi LGA

Priorities for next month

- Reconcile commodity inventory of all commodities donated to the state by MNCH2 programme from inception.
- Work closely with SMOH and relevant agencies to facilitate smooth transition of data collection for community level interventions after MNCH2 program close out.
- Support the training of 80 data collectors for the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) health facility assessment

births assisted by skilled personnel
406,741

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
837,935

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
285,158

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
1,636,913

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
616,575