



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria and borders four Nigerian states as well as the Republic of Niger. It has a population of 3.4 million. Its economy is mainly based on agriculture. Under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000 live births, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most (98.4%) wards have a functional health facility (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- 178 health facilities services across all the 17 LGAs in the state were assessed to ascertain their readiness to offer basic health care in preparation for the roll out of BHCPF
- MNCH2 provided technical support to the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in sensitising 39 influential religious leaders on the benefits of contributory healthcare scheme to allay fears resulting from lingering misconception of the scheme
- Yobe state health sector monitoring and evaluation annual operational plan was developed by the SMOH with technical support from MNCH2
- 25 officers drawn from State Primary Healthcare Board, State Hospitals Management Board (SHMB), Health Training Institution (HTI), and State Agency for Control of Aids (SACA) were trained and mentored on the new annual operation plan template

Lessons

- Establishing linkages between Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) and other community structures such as Young Women Support Groups (YWSG) and Male Support Groups (MSG) led to an increase in antenatal attendance from 2406 in March to 3319 in April

“Contributory Healthcare Scheme has come to stay, It will consolidate what we have started doing at our various communities to promote access to healthcare services in the state”.

- Mal Musa Hussein Kalla,
Religious Leader, Nguru LGA.

Transition and Sustainability

- Yobe State Ministry of Health (SMoH) has taken over integrated MNCH service outreach. During the last outreach, 1031 settlements were reached, 9516 children and 6202 pregnant women received immunisation and ante-natal care services respectively
- Yobe state ministry of health has reactivated the health data consultative committee to sustain data quality improvements efforts previously supported by MNCH2 in the state
- The state house of assembly has passed the bill for an act to establish Yobe state Drugs Management Agency (YODMA) into law

Priorities for next month

- Provide technical support to SMoH to strengthen Logistics Management Information Systems (LMIS) at State, local Government and HF level
- Engage with traditional institution to allay fears resulting from misconceptions about the proposed contributory healthcare scheme
- Provide technical support to SMoH to rollout the BHCPF
- Mentor Facility Health Committees (FHC) on drugs monitoring at the facility level



MNCH2 Monitoring and Evaluation officer with team of data collectors during BHCPF facility assessment in MCH Jakusko LGA



births assisted by skilled personnel

124,567



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

254,245



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

51,016



children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

332,673



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

109,868