



Kano is in north-western Nigeria. With an estimated population of 13.4 million, it is the most populous of Nigeria's 36 states (NPC 2006). Percentage of women using any modern method of family planning is 5.6% (NDHS 2018) with under-five mortality rate of 203 per 1000 live births (MICs 2017). Antenatal care attendance (4<sup>th</sup> visit) and Immunisation coverage are 51.0% and 19.4% respectively (NDHS 2018).

## Key achievements

- Thirty-eight (38) health providers, whose facilities have recently joined the Drug Resolving Fund (DRF) scheme, were trained with support from MNCH2 to improve drugs supply system in the state.
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) week was conducted across the 44 local government areas of the state with MNCH2 support. A total of 950,000 pregnant women were reached with free Reproductive Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) services
- Ninety (90) master trainers were trained on Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF). The trainers are expected to step down training to 1,936 targeted Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Ward Development Committee (WDCs) across the 44 LGAs in the state



Trained Healthcare providers during mock drugs audit at Durbunde community of Takai LGA

## Lessons

- Incentivising Fourth Antenatal care (4<sup>th</sup> ANC visit) and fully immunised children under 12 months in form of long-lasting treated nets distribution to pregnant mothers during the State's MNCH week greatly improved uptake of ANC and immunisation services
- Introducing competency-based selection criteria to the screening of 144 newly graduated midwives using a standard checklist developed by the SMoH has improved midwives' recruitment to improve human resource for health in the state



*BHCPF will no doubt reduce out of pocket expenses and will guarantee equity and equality in the provision of healthcare service to the population, especially the vulnerable groups”*

- Basiru Isiyaku  
(LGA M&E ) a trainee of BHCPF

## Transition and Sustainability

- The SMoH has made N300M available for MNCH weeks and outreach services to boost Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) coverage in hard to reach communities
- The state Government has released the sum of NGN10million to SMoH to facilitate the procurement and distribution of Free Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (FMNCH) commodities across the Primary and secondary healthcare facilities
- Sustainable Drug Supply System (SDSS) committee continued to operate without MNCH2 funding. The state government has approved the expansion of Drug Resolving Fund (DRF) health facilities from 717 to 755 and allocated N 5.2M on DRF training, provision of shelves and pallets for the 38 new DRF facilities.

## Priorities for next month

- Support step down of BHCPF training to 1,936 participants from PHC's and WDC's
- Support the final validation of Kano State Contributory Health Care Agency Consumables Supply Agency (DMCSA) M&E Framework.
- Support the finalisation of the plan for the review and development of the 2019 and 2020 Annual Operation Plan (AOP)
- Follow up with the State House of Assembly for the passage of Primary HealthCare Management Board (PHCMB) and Drugs & Medical Consumables Supply Agency (DMCSA) amended laws.



births assisted by skilled personnel

**481,843**



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

**901,915**



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

**349,879**



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.

**1,787,938**



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

**691,856**