



Zamfara is located in northwest Nigeria and has a population of 4.1 million (including 800,000 children under 5). Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 1,100 deaths per 100,000 live births; Infant mortality is 104 /1,000 live births. Contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 3.3% in 2011 to 5% 2016. (MIC survey 2011-2016).

### Key achievements

- The programme engaged 5 influential traditional rulers to create awareness and educate on the benefits of accessing integrated Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) services in communities across all 14 LGAs in the state.
- To improve knowledge sharing and create awareness MNCH2 linked the Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS) team with journalists to cover health news across the state.
- The figures reported for clients accessing postnatal care have improved following a sensitization workshop conducted held for Records Officers and Facility Heads, providing them with the understanding that postnatal care includes all care provided immediately after removal of the placenta.



Trained service provider providing immunisation services in Galadima community, Bungudu LGA.

### Lessons

Collaboration with UNICEF to procure medical consumables has increased the supply of anti-malarial drugs and other Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health commodities across primary health centres in the state.

“ *This is the most educative training I have attended for a long time. I thank MNCH2 for organising such a training.* ”

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### Transition and Sustainability

- Increased commitment has been observed with the change in leadership at the State Ministry of Health, which now provides funds for the distribution of the printed National Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools to health facilities across the state.
- The State Government has proposed to spend 1.8 Billion Naira in 2018 to renovate the 5 General Hospitals and the 147 Primary Health Centres across the 14 LGAs.
- The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria has accredited the Zamfara State School of Nursing and Midwifery, whilst also approving 2 additional courses offered by the school to address the Human Resources for Health shortage in the state.

### Priorities for next month

- Conduct medical equipment inventory and assessments in supported health facilities to avoid duplication during distribution; continue to strengthen the Logistics and Supply Chain to ensure uninterrupted supply and avoid stock-outs of essential lifesaving drugs and commodities.
- Support the State and Zonal Outreach Teams to conduct 24 Integrated MNCH outreach services in all the hard-to-reach communities around selected health facilities and internally-displaced persons’ camps.
- Follow-up with the Ministry for Religious Affairs on the implementation of religious leaders’ activities as planned and budgeted.

