



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

- Six(6) additional Drug Revolving Funds(DRF) were established in 6 supported health facilities with MNCH2 support to increase the number of health facilities with functional DRF from 52 to 58.
- 280 women of reproductive age group(WRAG) were reached through community sensitization and interactive sessions on the importance of maternal health services including antenatal care, health facility delivery, immunisation, and family planning services in 20 non supported communities
- Mapping of MNCH2 supported facilities and community based interventions were completed. Mapping aimed at plotting service delivery points and interventions with communities served and reached



Cross section of Women of reproductive age during community sensitisation on uptake of maternal health services at Unguwar Galadima, Tsafe LGA.

Lessons

- Engaging with traditional and religious leaders on community based interventions such as community distribution of misoprostol improves ownership, acceptance and uptake.
- Robust stakeholders' and implementing partners' engagement by the state in the review and development of the 2019 SOML work plan ensured prioritization of key maternal, newborn and child health elements in the workplan.

“ It is important to note that visiting health care centers for Maternal, newborn and child health related services is the only solution to the incessant maternal and child death recorded in the past,.....With the sensitisation today, we have enough reasons to attend health facility for care during and after pregnancy.

- Halima Ibrahim- a participant at the sensitisation meeting for WRAG at Unguwar Galadima, Tsafe LGA.

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency and the Medical Consumables Management Agency Bill passed through the first, second readings, public hearing and third readings respectively.
- The state government printed additional 1000 copies of National Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools and distributed it across the 14 LGAs in the state.

Priorities for next month

- Work closely with the Primary Healthcare Management Board (PHCB) to strengthen logistics management information systems at all levels including State, local government and health facility.
- Follow up with PHCB on implementation of community mobilisation interventions across 10 local government areas.
- Follow up with the state house of assembly to ensure prompt signing of the contributory healthcare management agency and Medical consumables management agency bill.

