



Kaduna State, in northwest Nigeria, has a population of 7.7 million. The state boasts a functional primary health facility in every ward. Immunisation coverage is 25% and antenatal visit attendance has improved from 30% in 2008 to 43.8% in 2017. Contraceptive prevalence rate is 24.10% while unmet need for family planning is 22%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

## Key achievements

- Outreach services were conducted in 20 communities across 4 LGAs (Jaba, Ikara, Igabi and Kachia). A total of 3,379 clients were reached with Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health services.
- The Programme conducted spot-checks in 6 Local Government Areas (LGAs). Findings from the exercise show that partographs are not adequately utilised to monitor the progress of labour in some healthcare facilities.
- MNCH2 trained 23 Local government Monitoring and Evaluation(M&E) Officers and 3 Zonal M&E Officers on data demand and use.

## Lessons

- The annual Organizational Capacity Assessment and subsequent Capacity Development Plan implementation, have increased capacities of State Primary Healthcare Development Agency and Local Government Health Agencies in provision of quality Maternal, Newborn and Child Health services in the state.
- Regular engagement of traditional and religious rulers in health programmes has increased their capacity to deliver health talks in social gatherings and at public functions.

## Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government has commenced upgrading some of the health facilities renovated by the MNCH2 programme.
- The Kaduna State Health Sector Capital Budget Performance shows that out of the 10,490,384,271 Naira approved in the 2017 budget, only 3,610,997,032.83 Naira (34.42%) was released, which poses a concern for sustainability.
- The State Government has recruited 100 Specialist Nurses and distributed them to secondary health facilities to improve the quality of health services.

## Priorities for next month

- Support the update of cold chain and medical equipment inventory assessment of state and LGA medical stores.
- Monitor government commitments toward implementation of approved 2017/2018 health sector budget and advocacy to the state government for adequate budget release and accountability.
- Monitor the implementation of the developed Facility Health Committees Action Plan.
- Engage local gatekeepers to sensitize community members on the importance of immunisation.

“ The Kaduna State Government will continue to fulfil its commitments to the Primary Healthcare Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding”

- Dr. Paul Manya Dogo  
Honourable Commissioner of Health,  
at the #openkadunahealthsector

Service provider sensitising women during an antenatal care and immunisation session at Kwoi PHC, Jaba LGA



births assisted by skilled personnel  
**237,117**

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**664,129**

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**119,322**

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**1,059,659**

additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**534,444**