



Katsina State is located in northwest Nigeria and has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvements in some key health indicators: delivery by skilled birth attendants has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40% and immunisation coverage is 6%. The unmet need for child spacing is 29.5% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) to validate and finalise the State Sustainable Development Plan II and meet the deadline set by the Federal Ministry.
- 35 State-Led Accountability Mechanism (SLAM) members were trained on independent resource mobilization in line with the MNCH2 Sustainability and Exit Strategy.
- The programme supported the conduct of Data Review and Validation, which covered all 1,600 health facilities in the state.

Lessons

- Active participation and collaboration of partners (Save the Children volunteers, Core Group and UNICEF, Traditional Birth Attendants, Facility in-charges and Village Heads) in creating awareness has helped in increasing attendance for postnatal care within 24-hours from 5,292 in March to 5,919 in April 2018.
- Debriefing meetings involving Local Technical Assistants, Facility Health Committees, and LGA Alliance Executives have led to conduct of FHC-focused community meetings, where action plans and targeted outcomes are reviewed.

Transition and Sustainability

- An agreement has been reached with Management Sciences for Health (MSH) to continue supporting the bi-monthly Data Validation meetings.
- The SMOH has taken over conduct of Health Data Consultative Committee meetings. Funds will be made available from the Saving One Million Lives Programme to finance the activity.

Priorities for next month

- Follow-up with the Routine Immunisation (RI) Working Group to ensure that mobile phones are used in RI data capture.
- Support Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Officers to conduct Data Quality Assessments.
- Engage with the MAFITA programme on discussions around MNCH2 sustainability of demand creation strategies, especially Safe Space Initiatives and Young Women Support Groups.
- Follow up on plans of the State Ministry for Religious Affairs on training more religious leaders to support and continue with demand creation activities.




Trained Local Technical Assistant conducting Data Review and Validation at Tudun Yammama community, Kurfi LGA

“ We are so grateful that almost all LGAs have one or more facilities renovated. Therefore, we would try our best to secure the commodities given to us for the betterment of the members of the communities especially the less privileged and vulnerable”


- Mahmud Dandume
Men's Support Group facilitator and
Member of the Village Health Committee
Dandume LGA

 births assisted by skilled personnel
151,535

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
548,418

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
94,998

 children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
588,669

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods
208,223