



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria with a population of 3.4 million and a mainly agrarian economy. Most of the state's wards (98.4%) have a functional health facility; under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 conducted outreach services in 10 hard to reach communities across 2 LGAs. A total of 1336 women and children were reached with integrated RMNCH services, 123 women received antenatal services, 51 - postnatal services, 16 – Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives, 26 – injectable contraceptives, 29 women received pills; additionally 966 children were reached with integrated management of childhood illnesses, 5 with routine immunisation, 7 - tetanus toxoid, and 123 persons received other medical services.
- The Programme successfully advocated to the Executive Secretary of the Hospitals Management Board and Director, Pharmaceutical Service of the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) to improve dilapidated infrastructure at the Central Medical Stores.
- 17 health facilities across 4 Local Government Areas (LGAs) were visited for mentoring and coaching.
- The programme participated in the development of the 2018 Saving One Million Lives program workplan.



Master trainer coaching on how to use a partograph at Garin Guna Community Karasuwa LGA

Lessons

- Regular mentoring and coaching by Midwife Mentors and Master Trainer Mentors leads to increased competency of service providers in provision of integrated maternal, newborn child health services in supported facilities.
- The posting of security operatives closer to health facilities in communities affected by insurgency has restored the confidence of healthcare workers with extension of their working hours from 6 -12 hours per day.

“*This community has never had a beautiful edifice such as this as a health facility. Such buildings are only seen in cities such as Kano and not in Fajiganari*”

- Maigari Ahmed Lawan
Village Head Head, Fajiganari Chekke,
Karasuwa LGA

Transition and Sustainability

- As part of the focus on transition, the Saving One Million Lives 2018 workplan developed in collaboration with MNCH2 has fully captured all Monitoring and Evaluation activities currently supported by the programme.
- The State Government has approved implementation of the Consolidated Health Salary Structure (CONHESS) for Nurses, Pharmacists and other Health Professionals to make the remuneration package in the state at par with what obtains in Federal health institutions.

Priorities for next month

- Follow-up with Saving One Million Lives and the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) on the engagement of traditional and religious leaders in demand creation activities.
- Support the SMOH to evaluate the progress made in establishing the Sustainable Drug Supply System at supported health facilities.
- Support the SMOH to monitor utilisation of free RMNCH commodities distributed to supported health facilities
- Continue collaborating with Saving One Million Lives to facilitate take-over of demand creation activities - Emergency Transport Scheme, Male Support Groups and Traditional Birth Attendants.

