



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

Lessons

Transition and Sustainability

- A total of 2,189 clients benefitted from integrated outreach interventions in 10 communities across 5 LGAs. 274 pregnant women received antenatal care (ANC) services, 301 women were reached with different methods of Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy, 725 under-5 sick children received IMCI services whilst 337 received relevant immunization services, 274 received Tetanus toxoid injection, 4 with serious conditions were referred while 98 newly delivered babies and their mothers received post-natal care whilst 176 women with different conditions were attended to as out-patients.
- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health's (SMOH) study tour to Kano State for the establishment of a Drug Management Agency.
- The programme established and trained village health committees in primary healthcare centres across 11 LGAs namely PHC Sabongari, Birnin Tudu, Magizawa, Kwarenganuwa, Dan Marke, Chigama, Mayasa, Tubali, Ruwanjema, Gyalange and Waramu PHC.

- The Integrated Supportive Supervision team uncovered the practice of blood transfusion services to clients in some primary healthcare facilities. The Facility Health Committee was engaged to enlighten the community on the dangers of transfusing blood at the PHC level.

- The State Government has provided a budget line for the conduct of Integrated Supportive Supervision under the Saving One Million Lives programme.
- The SMOH has taken over the conduct of Data Validation at local government level.
- The SMOH has taken over the receipt, warehousing and distribution of medical supplies and commodities.
- National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) now collects and reports Emergency Transport Scheme data to MNCH2 at no cost.

“The recent Health Management Information System (HMIS) tools provided by MNCH2 have really helped us in doing our work and having up-to-date records of what services are being rendered in the facility”

Ibrahim Mohammad
Facility In-charge,
PHC Janbako,
Maradun LGA.

Priorities for next month

- Establishment of 3 pilot sites in 3 LGAs for distribution of misoprostol
- Support state and zonal outreach teams to conduct integrated outreach activities in hard to reach communities
- Follow up with Ministry of Women Affairs on take over of religious leaders' activities.
- Engage with the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Officers to identify and resolve gaps in reporting data.



MNCH2 State Demand Side Coordinator engages with religious leaders and Traditional Birth Attendants at Bilbis PHC during a spot check visit

