



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

- The programme provided technical and logistic support to the State Ministry of Health in the development and implementation of a workplan for the take-off of its Drug and Medical Supply Agency (DMSA).
- To enhance sharing of information, the programme trained 17 State-Led Accountability Mechanism (SLAM) members on basic infographics – simple advocacy tools that will assist in passing clear, concise and consistent information to target audiences.
- The programme procured medical consumables worth N 221 million and distributed these to 16 General Hospitals, 29 Comprehensive Health Centres, and 159 Primary Healthcare facilities.



Flag-off of MNCH2-donated commodities at Katsina Central Medical Store

Lessons

- Four additional vehicles donated by a philanthropist in Mashi LGA have led to an 84% increase in the number of women with pregnancy-related complications transported to a health facility from February to March 2018.
- Intense follow up on post-training supportive supervision, quality of care and integrated supportive supervision (ISS) has made health care workers, particularly in hard-to-reach communities, more responsive to their duties in operating according to good quality standards.



“Immunisation is important to our children’s health, we are going to ensure that every child is immunised. We will come up with a policy that will reduce non-compliance in our communities.”

*- Abubakar Galadima,
Village Head of Dokawa, Mashi LGA*

Transition and Sustainability

- The non-availability of budget details from the State Ministry of Women Affairs - due to fears of reduced fund allocations by partners (MNCH2, MAFITA and FOMWAN) to support its activities - is posing a great concern particularly for sustaining Safe Space Initiatives (SSI).
- The State Ministry of Health has taken over refresher trainings of Monitoring and Evaluation Officers on the District Health Management Information System (DHIS2).

Priorities for next month

- Support the finalisation and roll-out of the State Operational Plan for the Task Shifting and Sharing Policy.
- Support Ministry for Women Affairs to pilot SSI in currently unreached communities.
- Provide technical support to facility health committees (FHCs) on development and dissemination of success stories.
- Work with LGA Health Educators to ensure they are taking the lead in the conduct of community scorecards.



births assisted by skilled personnel
144,684



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
533,591



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
88,075

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.

570,869



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

195,217