



Katsina State is located in the Sahel Savannah in northwest Nigeria. It has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvement in some health indicators: delivery by skill birth attendant 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 conducted outreach services in 9 communities across 9 Local Government Areas (Kaita, Danmusa, Batsari, Malumfashi, Faskari, Dandume, Bindawa, Ingawa and Kankia). A total of 1669 clients were reached with reproductive maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.
- MNCH2 trained 50 local government Facility Health Committee Alliance members on independent resource mobilisation with a projection to further step down the training to FHC members in 170 communities.
- MNCH2 established and institutionalised Quarterly Stock Status Report (QSSR) of all public health programmes running in the state, including the government's Free Medicare scheme.



MNCH2 outreach team provides health services at Baraya community, Batsari LGA.

## Lessons

- Regular data validation meetings with state and local government Monitoring and Evaluation Officers have led to an increase in the reporting rate to the National Health Management Information System from 92% in January 2018 to 98.6% in May 2018.
- Strong engagement and intensified advocacy by Safe Space Initiative (SSI) mentors to members of the Shi'ite sect who initially would not allow their women to access healthcare services have led to an increase in the in-flow of patients for uptake of RMNCH services at PHC Bakori.

“ I am treated as a champion, and most women are hoping to become like me. This could not have happened if I wasn't part of the young women support group. My capacity has been built in such a way that I have saved 20,000 Naira as capital. I am short of words to thank this great organization (MNCH2). I will continue to pray to Almighty Allah to bless the organization to continue touching the lives of everyone.”

- Rukayyah Abubakar  
SSI Mentor, Maska  
Funtua LGA

## Transition and Sustainability


- Monthly Control Room meetings have been fully handed over to State Ministry of Health.
- The Speaker of the Katsina State House of Assembly has urged every House Member to consider renovating at least one health facility per quarter in their constituency as part of their constituency projects.

## Priorities for next month


- Support health facilities in the state to identify gaps in data reporting and develop action plans.
- To engage 34 LGA health educators to incorporate demand creation activities, especially monitoring and data collection, into their LGA monthly work plans.
- Follow-up with Ministry for Women Affairs on memo and costed budget sent to the Executive Governor on sustaining SSI activities in the state.
- Engage and sensitise additional stakeholders (religious, community and labour union leaders) to understand and buy-in to the State Contributory Healthcare and Community-based Health Insurance Scheme .



births assisted by skilled personnel  
**156,301**




pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits  
**559,008**



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider  
**99,261**

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.  
**602,092**



additional women using modern Family Planning methods  
**215,546**