



Kaduna State, in northwest Nigeria, has a population of 7.7 million. The state boasts a functional primary health facility in every ward. Immunisation coverage is 25% and antenatal visit attendance has improved from 30% in 2008 to 43.8% in 2017. Contraceptive prevalence rate is 24.10% while unmet need for family planning is 22%. (NUHRI/MICS 2017)

Key achievements

- The programme undertook mentoring and supervision visits to Facility Health Committees (FHCs) across 20 local government areas (LGAs) and provided technical support to their executive committees on effective advocacy, work planning, teamwork, conduct of meetings and adequate record keeping.
- A total of 3,819 women and children were reached with integrated maternal, newborn and child health services during outreach activities covering 20 communities in 4 LGAs.
- MNCH2 organised a 5-day training for 23 health educators, 20 religious leaders, 6 Kaduna State Primary Health Care Development Agency staff, 10 Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN) members and 10 civil society organisation members on demand creation strategies.



MNCH2 Outreach Team provides immunisation services to children at Sabon Gari community, Kaura LGA.

Lessons

Involving youth in community mobilisation and creating awareness on danger signs has yielded positive results as more community members are resolving to volunteer their vehicles to transport pregnant women to health facilities.

“ I was well informed on the danger signs of pregnancy. I shall volunteer use of my vehicle to support pregnant women in my community and I’m urging other vehicle owners to do the same so as to avoid maternal deaths.”

- Nura Shu’aibu
ETS volunteer,
Zaria LGA

Transition and Sustainability

- Makarfi Local Government Council has absorbed volunteer midwives and placed them on the LGA payroll.
- The State Government has started contributing funds to support the conduct of data quality audits (DQAs) to extend coverage to non MNCH2-supported health facilities.
- The State Ministry of Health has developed a letter of agreement to strengthen institutional partnership in support of MNCH2 activities to be signed in July 2018.

Priorities for next month

- Support the finalisation of the hospital equipment distribution matrix and kick start distribution to supported health facilities.
- Interface with local governments to update on progress made and follow-up on feedback on maternal, newborn and child health issues raised to LGA officials by FHCs.
- Provide technical support to FHCs to build linkages with other community structures such as Ward Development Committees; women; other marginalised groups; as well as other voluntary associations at the LGA level to ensure effective collaboration towards enhancing community participation in health decision making.

