



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 with observed improvements in some health indicators: delivery by skill birth attendance has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40%; immunisation coverage is 6% and the unmet need for child spacing is 29.5% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 institutionalised planned preventive maintenance and established cold chain and medical equipment registers across supported health facilities.
- 52 MNCH2-supported health facilities met the minimum stock threshold of reproductive maternal, newborn and child health commodities over the last 3 months, compared to only 5 facilities in the last quarter.
- 110 religious leaders were trained using the MNCH2 demand creation manual on how to advocate for reproductive maternal, newborn and child health services in 3 local government areas (LGAs) - Mashi, Matazu and Malumfashi.



Community and religious leaders at an FHC meeting at Shargalle PHC, Mashi LGA.

Lessons

- Community volunteers working with women of reproductive age have uncovered problems faced by women during facility visits, which are often the reasons why some women don't seek services.
- Working together with Facility Health Committees (FHCs) has enabled the tracking of community volunteers that are less responsive to their duties.

“ We are so grateful that almost all LGAs have one or more facilities renovated. We would try our best to effectively utilise the commodities given to us for the betterment of the members of our communities, especially the less privileged and vulnerable population”

- Mahmud Dandume,
Male Support Group facilitator and
Member, Village Health Committee,
Dandume LGA

Transition and Sustainability


- Management Sciences for Health is collaborating with MNCH2 to expand the coverage of data quality assessments (DQAs) to non MNCH2-supported health facilities.
- The Katsina State Government has captured the DQA budget in its 2019 Annual Operational Plan.

Priorities for next month


- Intensify stakeholder engagement on exit and sustainability strategy at the state and local government levels.
- Distribute the second batch of 2017 MNCH2-donated commodities and equipment to all the 34 LGA medical stores and 204 last-mile health facilities.
- Follow up with the Routine Immunisation Working Group to ensure that mobile phones are used in data capture.
- Supervise service providers trained on implant insertion and removal due for certification.
- Follow up on sustainability and transition activities with community structures and provision of support on budgeting for demand creation activities.



births assisted by skilled personnel
164,422



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
573,621



newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
105,212



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
620,105



additional women using modern Family Planning methods
227,343