



Yobe is located in northeast Nigeria and borders four Nigerian states as well as the Republic of Niger. It has a population of 3.4 million. Its economy is mainly based on agriculture. Under-five mortality stands at 102 per 1000, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most wards have a functional health facility (98.4%) (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the State Ministry of Health to track stock out rates and availability of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) commodities in supported facilities. Stock out rates decreased from 23% in May to 17% in June.
- The MNCH2 outreach team provided medical services in 6 Local government areas (LGAs) - Yusufari, Postiskum, Nguru, Gujba, Fika, and Yunusari – reaching a total of 1853 women and children with RMNCH services across 34 communities
- The Programme established and trained 21 additional Facility Health Committees (FHCs).



MNCH2 Outreach Team provides RMNCH services at Gadaka community, Fika LGA.

Lessons

- Re-engagement of state biomedical engineers to monitor facility equipment at primary health care (PHC) level has led to repairs and deployment back to use of non-functional medical equipment.
- House-to-house sensitisation proved to be more effective than community sensitisation meetings in mobilising women to attend health facilities. Of 7429 women sensitised at home in June, 3,465 women were referred, 2,256 were accompanied to health facilities and 445 were transported through emergency transport scheme.

“ We now operate under favourable conditions because of the electricity supply in the health facility. Hitherto, our staff felt uncomfortable to stay because of the stuffy condition in the health facility. Our fans are now working to keep us around and even admit patients who are in serious need of our attention including pregnant women during labour.”

- Maina Mallum Dawayo
Officer in Charge,
Dawayo PHC Centre,
Bade LGA

Transition and Sustainability

- The Yobe State Accountability Mechanism on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (YoSAMM) has committed to sustainability and effective functioning through resource mobilisation.
- Traditional birth attendants to be integrated by the state government into the current existing Voluntary Community Mobilisers (VCMs) initiative.
- The FHC concept has been fully institutionalised and FHCs are ready to operate on their own without MNCH2 support

Priorities for next month

- Support the distribution of medical equipment to supported health facilities and re-activation of Sustainable Drug Supply System committees at state and facility levels.
- Track resource mobilisation work plan developed by YoSAMM and strengthening of FHC Alliances at LGA level.
- Monitor the activities of the State Primary Healthcare Agency to ensure it aligns with the Primary Health Care Under One Roof policy.
- Formation of a State Planned Preventive Maintenance (PPM) team for medical and cold chain equipment.



births assisted by skilled personnel

86,460



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

195,931



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

26,100



children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

245,381



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

75,755