



Zamfara is located in northwest Nigeria and has a population of 4.1 million (including 800,000 children under 5). Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 1,100 deaths per 100,000 live births; Infant mortality is 104/1,000 live births. Contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 3.3% in 2011 to 5% 2016. (MIC Survey 2011-2016).

Key achievements

- MNCH2 trained 36 District Heads, 36 Facility Health Committees (FHCs) and 6 Local Government Steering Committees to monitor the demand creation community-level engagement.
- Data collected during integrated supportive supervision shows a remarkable increase in drugs, consumables and equipment across supported facilities due to the regular supply by the programme; numbers of facilities offering 24-hour services, 7 days a week have also increased from 30% to 57%.
- To support and enhance the programme mandate of ensuring continuous supply and availability of reproductive maternal, and newborn child health, the programme supported the State Sustainable Drug Supply System in the conduct of a study tour to Kano State on the establishment of a drug management agency.



MNCH2 Outreach Team provides healthcare services to women and children at Kwatarkwashi community, Tsafe LGA.

Lessons

- Training, monitoring and supervision of Essential Drug Officers at the health facilities has led to an improvement in Logistic Management Information System reports.
- Partnership between emergency transport volunteers and FHC members has led to an increase in the numbers of women transported to health facilities from 237 in the last quarter to 294 in this quarter

“ Before, I would not have allowed myself to be admitted here; I would have rather stayed at home to get the treatment. Almost everybody preferred to stay at home than to be admitted in this facility due to its dilapidated condition, but now things have changed. May God Almighty bless the FHC members who initiated this. I am very happy.”

- Hajiya Binta Dahiru,
Community member, Gidan Gona,
Maradun LGA.

Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government has captured integrated supportive supervision in its 2018 Annual Operational Plan.
- The State Ministry of Health has made funds available to support to the quarterly Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Technical Working Group meeting through Saving One Million Lives initiative funding.

Priorities for next month

- Monitor stock out rates in health facilities as a measure of providing uninterrupted supply of essential tracer drugs.
- Hand over religious leaders' intervention to the State Ministry of Religious Affairs.
- Advocate to State Primary Health Care Board to replicate FHC establishment and mentoring.
- Provide technical support to State Health Promotion Officers toward ensuring sustainable community engagement.

