



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

- A total of 2,743 women and children were reached with integrated maternal, newborn and child health services during outreach activities covering 20 communities in 4 local government areas (LGAs).
- MNCH2 conducted sensitisation of informal sector actors across the 3 senatorial zones. Traditional leaders, market women's associations, people with disability, youth leaders, Jama'atul Nasril Islam and the Christian Association of Nigeria were educated on the benefits of the State Contributory Health Scheme.
- The programme conducted mentoring visits to newly-established facility health committees (FHCs) across 20 LGAs.
- Officer in charge of 27 private facilities in 6 LGAs were trained on effective utilisation of National Health Management Information System (NHMIS) tools

Lessons

- To augment the work of traditional birth attendants, male motivators and safe space initiative facilitators, MNCH2-trained religious leaders are increasingly using other social gatherings like naming ceremonies, weddings and community meetings in addition to their religious platforms to pass messages on the benefits of antenatal visits, facility delivery, routine and healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy.
- Inadequate supply of health management information (HMIS) tools by the State Ministry of Health to private health facilities has reduced the reporting rate of private health facilities in the state.

Transition and Sustainability

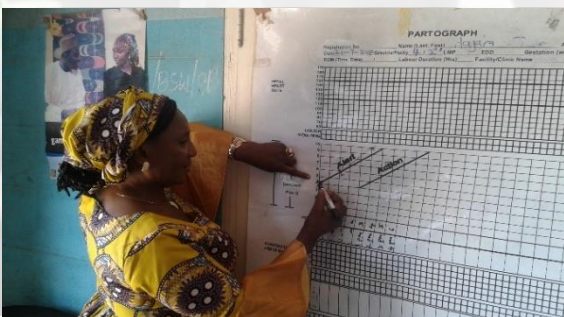
- The state government has migrated the paper based data quality assessment (DQA) tool to electronic Open Data Kit (ODK) to ease reporting.
- A Memorandum of Understanding on MNCH2 transition plan was signed between Kaduna State Government and UK Department of International Development.

Priorities for next month

- Support LGAs to assess the performance of their 2018 Annual Operational Plans (AOPs) and review 2019 AOPs.
- Assist Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) to implement the Volunteer Obstetrician Scheme (VOS).
- Intensify outreach activities in hard-to-reach communities to improve routine immunisation uptake.
- Mentor newly-established FHCs on resource mobilisation and record keeping.

“ We have been enlightened on the causes of maternal deaths; we will go back to our community and create awareness. We will also ensure that the misoprostol given to us is kept safe and made available to women after delivery.”

- Alh. Sahabi Abdulra'uf
Chairman FHC,
PHC Rigasa, Igabi LGA.



MNCH2 Midwife Mentor demonstrates the use of a partograph to monitor the progress of labour

births assisted by skilled personnel
254,896

pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
698,540

newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
138,683

children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
1,125,096

additional women using modern Family Planning methods
580,015