



Kano is located in north-western Nigeria. With an estimated population of 13.4 million, it is the most populous of Nigeria's 36 states. The child mortality rate is 103/1,000 live births (MICS 2016/17), with less than 50% of children under 5 fully vaccinated and 20% availability of child health cards (MICS 2017).

### Key achievements

- MNCH2 supported the conduct of a rapid price survey of Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) commodities aimed at establishing the affordability component of the DRF programme and guide annual procurement planning for the Drugs and Medical Consumables Agency.
- The programme successfully united notable Islamic leaders from different sects and groupings towards commitment to eliminate barriers to improved health-seeking behaviours among muslim women of childbearing age in the state.
- Integrated medical outreach services conducted in 53 communities across 25 local government areas (LGAs) reached a total of 5,114 with services ranging from insertion of implants, to oral pills and injectables, antenatal care, Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses, postnatal care, immunisation, and referrals to higher levels of care.



Outreach team provides medical services to women and children at Sullubawa Wasai ward, Minjibir LGA

### Lessons

- Integration of master trainers with traditional birth attendants in community distribution of misoprostol has gained acceptance in supported communities.
- The joint Islamic scholars' meeting has yielded a positive result by uniting different sect leaders and having them agree to work together to reduce maternal and child death in their respective communities.

“ We have seen the value of partnership between government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) and MNCH2 towards making immense contributions in protecting the lives of people accessing private medical services.”

- Ibrahim Makarfi  
Deputy Chairman,  
National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives,  
Kano State Branch

### Transition and Sustainability

- The State Government has committed 5% of its total monthly internally generated revenue and 1% of the LGAs' monthly funding allocation from the Federal Government to sustain positive health outcomes in the state.

### Priorities for next month

- Intensify technical support to the Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health (KECCOH) to expand scope of its partnerships with other programmes and donors; to enable it assume absolute responsibility for the management and monitoring of activities of MNCH2 trained volunteers with a view to ensuring sustained utilisation of maternal newborn and child health services.
- Produce and distribute outpatient registers to all the LGAs in the state.
- Support the review of 2019 state health sector Annual Operational Plan (AOP).



births assisted by skilled personnel

**295,562**



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

**617,180**



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

**180,960**



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.

**1,314,781**



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

**430,028**