



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 live births, immunisation coverage is 7%, and antenatal care attendance is 26.6%. Most (98.4%) wards have a functional health facility (MICs 2016/2017).

## Key achievements

- The programme conducted post-training supportive supervision in 10 health facilities across 5 local government areas (LGAs). The results show that 80% of trained providers had become competent in the thematic areas of integrated maternal, newborn and child health.
- MNCH2 successfully advocated for the inclusion of a Community-based Health Insurance Scheme and the adoption of Primary Health Care Directors' forum as a platform for disseminating ideas and sharing lessons learnt, during work planning for the Saving One Million Lives (SOML) Initiative.
- Outreach services were conducted in 12 hard to reach communities in Fika and Potiskum LGAs. A total of 3,908 women and children were reached with various reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services.



MNCH2 Outreach Team provides RMNCH services at Gidan Sarki community Fika LGA.

## Lessons

- Integration of Village Heads with Volunteer Community Mobilizers (VCMs) has widened their scope of work to cover other components of maternal, newborn and child health other than routine immunisation.
- Shortage of manpower in some of the primary health care (PHC) facilities has left some Facility In-charges with no option than to assign minor technical duties to non-clinical staff.

“Prior to the rehabilitation and upgrade of this health facility, staff didn't report for work regularly due to the absence of basic equipment, dilapidated structures and poor patronage, but now the reverse is the case.”

- Mohammed Garba  
Chairman, Facility Health Committee,  
Dikumari Community, Damaturu LGA.

## Transition and Sustainability

- SOML has included support for Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) in their workplan. This will cover implementation of MPDSR (verbal autopsies) in 178 primary health care facilities (one per PHC/ward) and some additional communities.
- The State Ministry of Health, through SOML, has captured the activities of traditional birth attendants in their 2019 work plan
- The conduct of State MPDSR Committee meetings has been transitioned to the State Ministry of Health.

## Priorities for next month

- Collaborate with SOML to support religious leaders and male support group activities.
- Follow-up with Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) on National Review Meeting to assess progress on Volunteer Obstetrician Scheme (VOS) activities.
- Engage SOML to roll-out strategies for achieving Universal Health Coverage for the informal sector.



births assisted by skilled personnel

88,743



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

200,401



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

27,125



children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

264,266



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

78,106