



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

- MNCH2 conducted capacity building of 34 health workers on the use of partograph and chart booklets to manage labour and childhood illnesses.
- A total of 1,842 women and children were reached with reproductive maternal and newborn child health services during outreach activities across 3 local government areas (LGAs) - Zaria, Jema'a and Kaduna North.
- 312 young women were reached through safe space interventions with financial management skills in Kudan, Igabi, Kaduna North, Kaduna South, and Chikun LGAs.
- MNCH2 trained and mentored 20 facility health committees (FHCs) on resource mobilisation across 14 local government areas.



Demonstration on the use of Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses card at Barnawa PHC, Kaduna South LGA.

Lessons

- Involving Senior Officials from the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) in conducting integrated supported supervision has made the facility workers more responsive to their duties.
- Mobilisation activities by the FHC at Zango Primary Health Care Centre has led to an increase in the number women and children accessing health care services from 2,243 in July to 3,214 in August 2018.

“ I really enjoyed the mentoring support you are providing to us because it has enlightened me on our roles and responsibilities on drug supply to the facility. Before, I thought all drugs were supplied by the government and should be given free. But I now understand the difference between the Sustainable Drug Supply System and the Free MCHdrugs occasionally supplied by the government and partners like yours to specific groups of people.”

- Ado Waziri,
FHC member, PHC Mah,
Kubau LGA

Transition and Sustainability

The State Ministry of Health and Human Services has taken over quarterly integrated supportive supervision visits to health facilities.

Priorities for next month

- Conduct post training supportive supervision to newly-hired service providers in 7 local government areas.
- Support local government areas to develop and implement their capacity development plans.
- Work with State Ministry of Health to review the 2019 Annual Operation Plan.
- Mentor facilities with low reporting rates on good record-keeping practices.

