



Katsina State is located in the Sahel Savannah in northwest Nigeria. It has a total population of nearly 6 million. Each ward has at least one functional primary health facility and the state has seen great improvements in some health indicators: delivery by skilled birth attendance has risen from 5.1% in 2008 to 20.8% in 2017. However, antenatal attendance stands at 33.40% and immunisation coverage is 6%. The unmet need for child spacing is 29.5% (MICs 2016/2017).

Key achievements

- During their joint quarterly review meeting, 34 Facility Health Committee (FHC) Alliance chairmen from all the local government areas (LGAs) were sensitised on sustaining MNCH2 community engagements with traditional birth attendants, religious and community leaders.
- MNCH2 engaged the services of a Resource Mobilisation Advocacy Kit Development Expert to build the capacity of members of Resource Mobilization Subcommittee of the LGA MNCH Steering Committee and develop kits to be used during advocacy visits to policy makers.
- The outcome of the data quality assessment (DQA) shows there is an increase on the reporting rate in the state with an improvement in overall DQA performance from 53% in the last to 87% in the current quarter.

Lessons

- Training of 110 additional community volunteers on community mobilisation has led to a surge in the number women assessing Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancy services from 9,228 in May 2018 to 11,365 in August 2018.
- Routine immunisation providers are able to maintain vaccine safety and cold chain system due to the recent upgrade of the cold chain office in the state.

Transition and Sustainability

- A former Minister of Agriculture funded the training of 110 community volunteers to boost demand creation awareness at the community level.
- A philanthropist in Dandume LGA constructed a labour room at Illah Primary Healthcare Centre to augment the efforts of the local government authority.

“In some of our communities here in Sabuwa LGA, deliveries were conducted using torchlights in the night, but now we have standby generators running 24/7 and this was achieved through the advocacy efforts of our Male Support Group to policy makers.”

- Bashir Idris Lasisi
Chairman FHC Alliance
Sabuwa LGA


Priorities for next month


- Follow-up on implementation of health work plans drafted by the local government teams.
- Support health budget advocacy to the government and use of evidence in planning and resource tracking.
- Strengthen collaboration with UNICEF and other partners on sustainability and transition plans.
- Conduct integrated supportive supervision across 14 primary health care facilities.





Programme staff conducting quarterly DQA at Yandaki Community, Kaita LGA

 births assisted by skilled personnel
177,438

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
597,783

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
113,768

 children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.
649,120

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods
249,203