



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

- 2,030 women and children were reached with reproductive maternal and newborn child health services during outreaches in 12 hard-to-reach communities in 2 local government areas (LGAs) - Jakusko and Bade.
- The programme, in collaboration with Malaria Consortium, successfully conducted data quality assessments in 153 health facilities - 51 more facilities were covered due to the collaboration.
- MNCH2 supported the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) to hold its 2018 biannual review meeting where progress and challenges were discussed and recommendations were proffered.



MNCH2 staff during data quality assessment at Badejo Model Healthcare facility, Potiskum LGA

Lessons

- Bringing the best and weakest performing facility health committees (FHCs) together to exchange ideas has improved the performance of the weaker FHCs through knowledge and experience sharing.
- Monetary incentives introduced by Nigeria State Health Investment Project (NSHIP) through performance-based financing has significantly improved data quality in Potiskum LGA.

“The good thing about this work is people around the community value and respect you. I am proud of being one of the people who contributes in saving the lives of women and children in our community.”

- Ya Bukar Ngubdo
Traditional Birth Attendant
Alagarno Community, Fune LGA


Transition and Sustainability


- Malaria Consortium is co-funding the conduct of data quality assessments in the state.
- The State Ministry of Health, through Saving One Million Lives, has taken over the data validation activity.


Priorities for next month


- Support the distribution of medical equipment to all the primary and secondary health facilities in the state.
- Engage SOGON members within the vicinity of Damaturu to expand Voluntary Obstetrician Scheme (VOS) services to more facilities.
- Meet with Saving One Million Lives and Malaria Consortium on sustainability of some of the MNCH2-supported activities in the state.
- Track resource mobilisation work plan developed by the Yobe State Accountability Mechanism for MNCH (YoSAMM).

 births assisted by skilled personnel
92,955

 pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits
207,211

 newborns and mothers who received care within 24 hours of delivery by a skilled health care provider
28,623

 children fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.
273,040

 additional women using modern Family Planning methods
81,472