



Zamfara is located in northwest Nigeria and has a population of 4.1 million (including 800,000 children under 5). Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 1,100 deaths per 100,000 live births; Infant mortality is 104/1,000 live births. Contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from 3.3% in 2011 to 5% 2016. (MIC Survey 2011-2016).

Key achievements

- The programme distributed the balance of reproductive maternal and newborn child health medical equipment procured in 2017 to 78 health facilities in 13 local government areas (LGAs).
- MNCH2 trained 17 Maternal Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response Committee members from secondary health facilities on maternal death reviews.
- The programme supported State Organisational Capacity Assessment Tools (OCAT) rollout, verification, score and development of a capacity plan for the State Primary Health Care Board (SPHCB). At the end of the exercise, it was discovered that SPHCB performance improved significantly from 59% in the last quarter to 69.4% this quarter.
- State-led accountability mechanism (SLAM) members were trained on use of infographics to enable them effectively communicate information during advocacy to policy-makers and stakeholders.

Lessons

- Monthly mentoring visits to address data quality issues at the health facility level have led to the improvement in the state's Health Management Information System (HMIS) data reporting rate from 86.5% in July 2018 to 88.7% in August 2018.
- Integrated supportive supervision debriefing meetings and advocacy to key stakeholders has led to the recruitment and deployment of midwives to offer Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) services.

“ We assure you that we will continue with the programme’s interventions and will not relent. We will also continue with the monitoring and supervision at the community level to ensure best practices.”

- Alhaji Abdullahi Maharazu Talata Mafara
Hon. Commissioner,
Zamfara State Ministry of Religious Affairs

Transition and Sustainability

The programme has drafted hand-over notes for the transitioning of logistics activities to the State Ministry of Health.

Priorities for next month

- Sign Memorandum of Understanding for the transition of MNCH2 logistics activities to the State Ministry of Health.
- Provide technical support to the state accountability mechanism on drugs and equipment maintenance.
- Follow-up with State Ministry of Health on data quality assessment transition.
- Draft a work plan for immunisation outreach to hard-to-reach communities and those affected by insecurity.



Medical consumables distributed in one of the supported health facilities at Rimin Magaji community, Maru LGA.



100,015



pregnant women making at least 4 ANC visits

130,609



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

37,777



children fully immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases.

260,466



additional women using modern Family Planning methods

138,800