



## **PRESS RELEASE ON MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH BEST PRACTICES IN NORTHERN NIGERIA**

The Maternal, Newborn and Child Health programme (MNCH2), a DFID/UKAID funded program is pleased to announce the release of three case studies, which showcase the programme results, best lessons and success stories in its ongoing effort to improve maternal, newborn and child health indices across the six Northern states of Nigeria, namely; Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Yobe and Zamfara.

The first case study describes how MNCH2 has approached the challenge of transporting pregnant mothers and babies through the Emergency Transport Schemes (ETS) to enable women in labour and experiencing pregnancy complications reach health services for health care. MNCH2 has been operating the Emergency Transport Scheme through partnership with the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the MNCH2 supported community structures such as the Facility Health Committees (FHCs) and Alliances to create a more sustainable system of emergency transport for women and the children in case of medical emergencies..

The second case study captures MNCH2's interventions towards the improvement in availability of medical drugs, supplies and commodities through Integrated Supply Chain Management in Kano State. MNCH2 assists the Drugs and Medical Consumables Supply Agency to operationalize its zonal stores across the 44 Local Government Areas of the state and reduce travel distance between facilities and stores to improve time of accessing vital medical commodities and drugs.

The third case studies explores the use of engagement and information to help communities make informed decisions about Maternal, Newborn and Child Health through the Safe Spaces Initiatives (SSIs) with major focus on young ladies within the age of 14 – 21. The overall aim is to increase demand for maternal and child health services and practices, knowledge of the danger signs and issues like the Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancies (HTSP) as well as Routine Immunization (RI).

The complete case studies are available here:

- Sustaining Emergency Transport Schemes (ETS) beyond MNCH2,
- Improving Reliability of Drugs and Medical Supplies through Integrated Supply Chain

Management and

- Saving Lives through Empowerment and Safe Space Initiatives

## **About MNCH2**

The Nigerian Maternal, Newborn and Child Health programme (MNCH2) is a five-year UK Department for International Development (DFID) funded programme. The programme is implemented in six states of northern Nigeria namely Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Yobe and Zamfara from 2014 to 2019.

The programme aims to contribute the Government vision of reduction of Maternal and Child mortality in Nigeria with focus in six states in the North.

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