

PAS Activities with the Kano Emirates Councils

Group photo with His Highness the Emir of Kano flanked by PAS team comprising of MWAN-PAS, WIM-PAS and FOMWAN-PAS Representatives – December 1, 2021



MWAN-PAS working with Kano State officials/Emirate Health Committee to mentor Healthcare Workers in Bebeji Health Facility in Bebeji LGA during the 2022 Safe Motherhood Day Celebration, April 2022

The Kano State Ministry of Health organized series of activities to commemorate the 2022 Safe Motherhood Day. The Activities include: press conference, mentoring visits to Health facilities in each of the 5 Kano Emirates.

MWAN-PAS representative was part of the State team that visited the Bebeji Health facility in Bebeji Local Government under Rano Emirate Council.

They mentored the healthcare workers on ANC, PNC and Hospital delivery.



MWAN-PAS representative going the Bebeji Facility records with the support of the State Officials - April 13, 2022

MWAN-PAS & FOMWAN-PAS lead on Collaborating with the Emir's Health Committee and SERICC to engage Traditional Leaders for RI demand generation in the Ungogo LGA, Kano

The January 2022 DHIS 2 data shows that Ungogo LGA has the highest number of unimmunized. It also has low Penta, OPV3 and Measles coverage below 80%. The LGA also has the highest number of zero dose children in the country.

To address the issues, SERICC with the support from partners paid a fact-finding visit to the LGA and supported the LGA team to come up with a mitigation plan and paid advocacy visit to the District Head of the LGA.

PAS project was represented by MWAN-PAS during the visit to the District head of Ungogo.



The State Deputy State Mobilization Officer addressing the District of Ungogo LGA – March 8, 2022

Highpoints of PAS Project Support for the Kano State Emirates Committees on Health

1. In February 2021, MWAN-PAS organized capacity building on Team Building for the Kano State Emirates Committee on Health. The training supported KASECCoH to identify their strengths, and to prepare for the challenges that may encounter in the process of discharging their responsibilities, better understand their roles and responsibilities and how they can work in synergy to achieve the desired goal and objectives and adopted effective strategy for coordinating the activities of the emirate level committees on Health
2. In February 2021, MWAN-PAS organized Capacity Building on Project Management to train the committee members on the rudiments of project management and produce an operational work plan for the activities of the committee.



Group photo with the His Highness the Emir of Bichi during the 2-day capacity building workshop on Project Management for Members of Bichi Emirate Council Committee on Health and other KASECCoH Members - April 15, 2021

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1. In January 2022, the PAS team comprising of MWAN-PAS, WIM-PAS, FOMWAN-PAS and dRPC-PAS team participated in the Emir's Community Mobilization Outreach to Ungogo LGA. The Outreach was organized for the Emir to mobilize communities on Maternal and Child health, Routine Immunization Intensification and COVID 19 vaccination
2. In August 2020, PAS team in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health advocated to Bichi Emirate Council on the need to constitute a permanent committee to coordinate health care delivery services.



His Highness the Emir of Kano addressing a cross section of community leaders and members during Emir's Community Mobilization Outreach to Ungogo LGA – 16th January 2022

BMGF investment on Traditional Leaders for Women and Girls in Northern Nigeria (Emir's Project) – 2016 - 2019

Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)

Project Period: August 2015 – April 2019

Location: Kano State

Key project activities include:

1. Emir's Community Outreaches, Social mobilization on MNCH.
2. Orientation Meeting for the 44 District Heads of Kano Emirate on the "Role of Traditional Institution for Improved MNCH and Girl Child Education"
3. Training of health workers on how to address Religious and Cultural misconceptions on MNCH services.
4. Capacity building on community mobilization for community leaders from saturation communities with low uptake of MNCH services in Kano state.
5. Regional Meetings for KECCoH Members to share project's best practices and key learnings with other Emirate Councils in Northern Nigeria.
6. Institutional Capacity Building by the dRPC for Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health (KECCoH) focusing on Strategic Plan Development Workshop, Study Tours, renovation and furnishing of KECCoH office.



Emir of Kano witnessing the flag off of the 2nd phase of Measles Campaign during Ajingi Outreach Visit in Ajingi LGA, November 2017, Kano state (Emir's Project) – November 19, 2017

2 Regional Conferences of the project to strengthen Health committees of 8 Emirates in Northern Nigeria

The 1st and 2nd Regional Conferences on the role of Traditional Institutions and Leaders in MNCH and the Girls Education in Northern Nigeria brought together traditional Leaders/Health committee members from **Bidda Emirate (Niger State), Birnin Gwari, Zazzau Emirate (Kaduna State), Bauchi, Dass Emirate (Bauchi State), Sultanate Council (Sokoto State), Katsina Emirate (Katsina State), Zamfara – Anka Emirate (Zamfara State), Dutse, Hadejia Emirate (Jigawa State) and Kano Emirate Council Committee on Health (Kano State).**

dRPC provided a platform for the emirates' health and education committees to share experiences, lessons learnt and best practices from implementing community engagement activities related to Maternal and Child Health and Girl Child Education. All the emirates present acknowledged the effort of KECCoH in coming up with a new system of engaging communities through establishment of permanent traditional structures at ward, village, District and State levels. Problems were identified, the way forward was discussed and communiqués were issued at the conferences.



Dankaden Kano addressing a cross section of participants at the 2nd Regional Workshop held between June 28 – 29, 2019

Impact of the BMGF investment in the Kano state Emir's project

A follow up monitoring conducted early this month indicated that the health committees in various that attended the regional meeting are still active and supporting public health related issues. For example:

1. The Health committee in Birnin Gwari emirate, Kaduna State supports all health campaigns (polio rounds, measles campaigns, etc) by mobilizing community members to access the services offered during the campaigns. They also mobilize the community members to access other MNCH services.

The Emirate established the Mai Gwari Community Health Technology which is managed by the Health Committee. The College was accredited in April 2022.

1. The Health Committee in Bidda Emirate, Niger State supports all health campaigns (polio rounds, measles campaigns, etc) by mobilizing community members to access the services offered during the campaigns. They also mobilize the community members to access other MNCH services.

With the support of the Wife of the Governor of the State, the committee was involved in the project designed to sensitize communities on Gender based violence and breast cancer.



A member of Kano Emirate Health Committee addressing a cross section of participants at the 2nd Regional Workshop held between June 28 – 29, 2019

Traditional Leaders for Women and Girls in Northern Nigeria (Emir's Project) – 2016 - 2019

Key Achievements:

1. Over Fifteen thousands (15,000) members of communities were reached and mobilised on Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health services, Routine Immunization and other health care services during 10 Community Outreaches conducted in Rano, Kura, Wudil, Dawakin Tofa, Gwarzo, Warawa, Madobi, Makoda, Ajingi and Gabasawa LGAs. His Highness the Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sanusi II personally graced two out of the nine Outreaches
2. Inspired by the Regional Meeting on the Role of Traditional Institutions and Leaders in Public Health and Girls' Education held in Abuja between 8th & 9th May 2017, 5 emirate councils in attendance pledged to emulate the Emir of Kano by establishing /strengthening health committees in their Emirates
3. More than 400 Traditional leaders (District, Village and Ward Heads from 44 LGAs in Kano State) trained on Community Mobilization and monitoring of uptake of MNCH services
4. KECCoH as a committee under the Kano Emirate Council, through various institutional capacity building, now has the capacity to design, plan and implement activities aimed at achieving the Emir's vision through monitoring and mentoring of District, Village and Ward Heads on community mobilisation and advocacy for improved access to MNCH service
5. Despite the closure of the Emir's Project, the Kano Health Committee has continued to support the social mobilization for Routine Immunization activities.
6. The Kano Emirate Health Committee is implementing a project on Dietary Diversity in Bichi and Sumaila Local Government with the support from UNICEF. The project is targeting children aged 6-23 Months.

Challenges and Opportunities of Working with the Traditional Leaders

Challenges:

- High transactional cost of working with committees, much diplomacy needed
- Some emirate level committees do not permanent or temporary office space to operate from

Opportunities:

- The health committees have a well defined structure at State, LGA, District and ward levels which can be leveraged upon in implementing health developmental interventions, they can also hold LGAs to account
- The State, LGA, District and ward level structure command respect from the community members

Links to Newspaper Articles on the BMGF supported Emir's Project:

1. Health workers trained on improved services in Bichi | Dailytrust - <https://dailytrust.com/health-workers-trained-on-improved-services-in-bichi>
2. Day Emir of Kano campaigned for maternal, child health and girls education in Ajingi – African Newpage - <https://www.africannewpage.net/2017/12/05/day-emir-kano-campaigned-maternal-child-health-girls-education-ajingi/>
3. KECCoH-dRPC: Improving women and girls' access to quality healthcare in Kano Emirate – African Newpage - <https://www.africannewpage.net/2017/10/17/keccoh-drpc-improving-women-girls-access-quality-healthcare-kano-emirate/>
4. Day Emir of Kano campaigned for maternal, child health and girls education in Ajingi – African Newpage- <https://www.africannewpage.net/2017/12/05/day-emir-kano-campaigned-maternal-child-health-girls-education-ajingi/>
5. KECCoH, dRPC sensitizes community leaders, health workers on child healthcare in Kano – African Newpage - <https://www.africannewpage.net/2018/09/19/keccoh-drpc-sensitizes-community-leaders-health-workers-on-child-healthcare-in-kano/>
6. dRPC's northern traditional leaders' conference puts health, girl-child education in the spotlight – African Newpage - <https://www.africannewpage.net/2019/07/10/promoted-drpcs-northern-traditional-leaders-conference-puts-health-girl-child-education-in-the-spotlight/>

Recent Visits

Representatives of PAS Project addressing a cross section of participants during the Community Mobilization Outreach on Maternal and Child Health, Routine Immunization Intensification and Covid 19 Vaccination – January 16, 2022



The Chairman of KASECCoH addressing His Royal Highness Emir of Bichi during the Capacity Building Workshop on Project Management and Resource Mobilization for Bichi Emirate Committee on Health members and other emirates council members – April 15, 2021



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