

Support

The Kano State Free
Maternal, Newborn
and Child Healthcare

Bill !!!



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Can Save
Lives !**

BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED KANO STATE FREE MATERNAL, NEW-BORN AND CHILD HEALTHCARE LAW

The expected benefits of Kano State Free Maternal and Child Healthcare Law include:

- 1. Recommitment of the State Government:** Kano is one of the global epicentres of maternal and child mortality which calls for drastic actions and commitment on the part of the government to reverse the ugly trend. One of the ways the government can demonstrate the desired commitment is by putting in place a solid legal framework for managing the MCH sector in the state, and this is exactly what the proposed bill sets out to achieve.
- 2. Institutionalised free MNCH delivery through legal framework for sustainability:** The Ganduje government, like his predecessor Eng. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, made laudable efforts in the form of executive orders and policy declarations aimed at reducing maternal and child fatalities in the state. Stakeholders are concerned that if the executive directives and policy statements are not wrapped in a statute that will serve as a legal bond on commitment to free MNCH delivery for successor administrations in the state, these interventions may not outlive his term.
- 3. Improved Resource Mobilization through innovative and progressive health financing opportunities:** Despite the frantic effort by the state government to increase health budget allocation and disbursement for MNCH initiatives in the state, health financing continues to remain a major problem impeding the delivery of qualitative MNCH services in the state. A clear legislative framework would guarantee more money for the health in the state through innovative and progressive health financing opportunities.
- 4. Maximization of Partners Support:** over the years, international donors and development partners support in the areas of funding and offering technical assistance for MNCH delivery in the state. With a clear law in place indicating the seriousness and commitment of

government to free MNCH services, additional support and technical assistance from development partners and donor agencies can be easily harnessed and maximized to scale up MNCH delivery in the state.

- 5. Accelerate Universal Healthcare Coverage and PHC Revitalization:** the passage of free MNCH bill will give the force of law to accelerate the attainment of universal healthcare coverage and the revitalization of primary healthcare centres (PHCs) through the one functional PHC per ward strategy in the state. Hence, the free MNCH Law will provide the much-needed health safety net for the poor and vulnerable women and children in rural and semi-urban communities across the state, who die in their thousands annually, due to lack of money to access basic MNCH services thereby reducing the rate of maternal and child mortality.

What can you do to support the Kano State Free Maternal, New-born and Child Healthcare Law?

1. Contact CHRICED to get the phone numbers and email addresses of the state governor and key members of the state house of Assembly who have the power to pass the bill into law.
2. Call these public officials or send them emails and text messages to tell them that you support passage of the bill.
3. Tell your friends and family members, both male and female, about the law, give them the phone numbers and emails and text messages to say that they support passage of the bill into law.
4. Send us CHRICED emails and text messages to tell us that you support passage of the bill into law.

By doing these simple things, you will be exercising your right as a citizen and helping to reduce the number of our women dying in childbirth. **Who knows, you might be saving the life of your wife, sister, daughter, or friend!**



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