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Recent trends in Maternal Mortality in the Project Region An analysis of recent patterns in maternal mortality shows a decreasing overall trend. Numerical estimates of trends are calculated as Average Annual Percent Changes (AAPC) for all states but the newly recruited states of Osun, Ebonyi and Anambra where insufficient data exists for these computations.

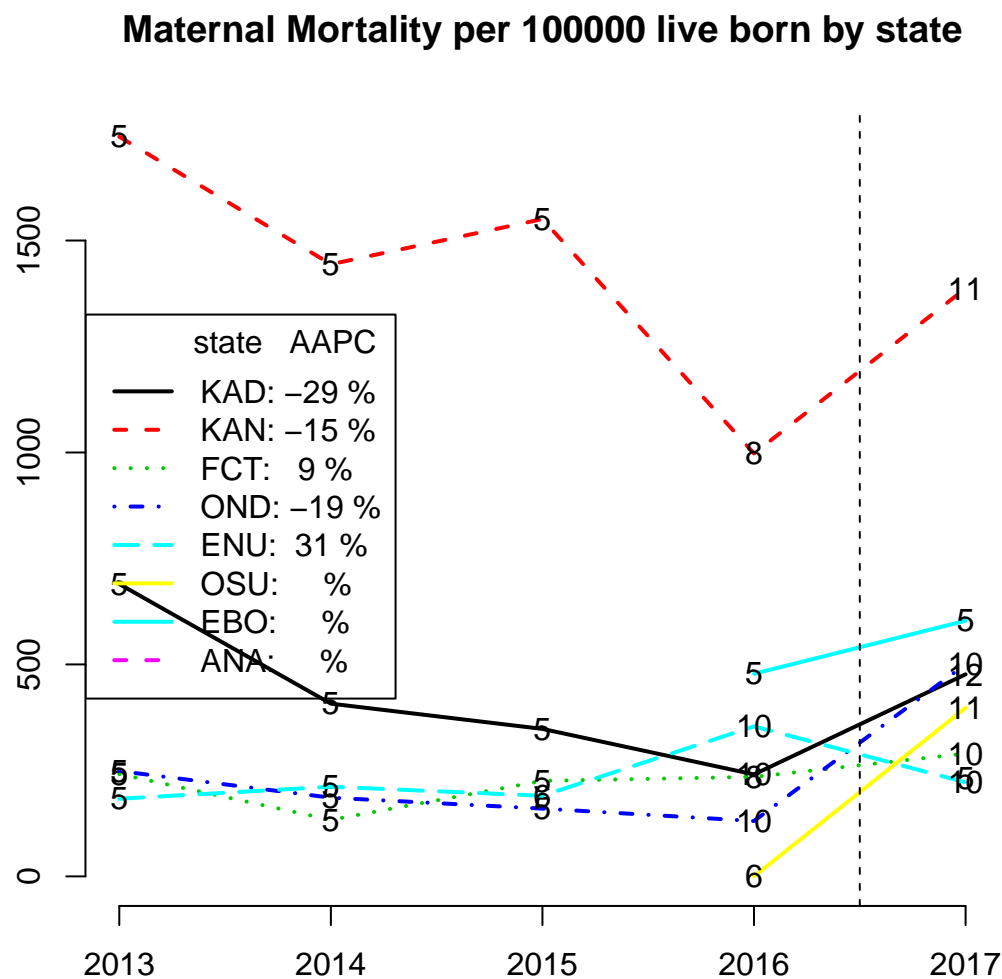


Figure 1: Recent trends in maternal mortality rates. Figures along the trend lines give number of participating hospitals. The inset shows average annual percentage change excluding the year 2017.

Key points

1. **Substantial reduction** in maternal deaths in states with highest mortality (**Kano and Kaduna**)
2. **Marked reduction** also in **Ondo** state
3. **General increase** after recruitment of new hospitals in **2017**
4. So far approx. **70% of community based deaths not covered**
5. **Slight increases** in **FCT Abuja and Enugu** state
6. Caution: independent data **completeness checks not yet implemented**