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### **Biostatistics statement**

The statistical methods of this study were performed and reviewed by Dr. Bassirou Chitou. Bassirou Chitou is an international consultant, a senior bio- statistician, and an M&E specialist. He is a co-author, with Dr. Gregg Jackson, of the Sampling Guide for Development Evaluation. Dr. Chitou has worked for international organizations such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Dr. Chitou has 20 years of experience as a Lecturer at the university level, having taught in various universities in West and East Africa, as well as in the U.S. He is a former IPDET graduate, and specialized in household survey design and implementation, sampling for the evaluation of development programs, survey data analysis and statistical capacity building.

Dr. Chitou hereby acknowledges that the statistical methods and findings reported in this paper are sound.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bassirou Chitou". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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