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Supplementary TABLE 1: Physical places where literature was accessed [BR1]

Country/city	Place where documents were accessed
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	Unité de Formation et de Recherche en sciences de la santé (UFR/SDS) de l'université Ouaga 1 Professeur Joseph Ki Zerbo Centre National de Recherche Scientifique et Technologique (CNRST) Ecole National de Santé Publique (ENSP), Direction générale Union Monétaire des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (UEMOA) Institut de Recherche en Développement (IRD) <u>Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) au Burkina Faso</u>
Burkina Faso, Bobo Dioulasso	Ecole National de Santé Publique (ENSP), Direction régionale Centre Muraz <u>L'Organisation Ouest Africaine de la Santé (OAAS)</u>
Mali	Institut National de Recherche en Santé Publique (INRSP)
Bamako	Bibliothèque nationale Archives nationales Centre National d'Appui à la lutte contre la Maladie (CNAM) ex-Institut Marchoux Faculté de Médecine et d'Odonto- Stomatologie et Faculté de Pharmacie Direction Nationale de la Santé (DNS) Direction de la Pharmacie et du Médicament (DPM) Pharmacie Populaire du Mali (PPM) Institut National de Formation en Sciences de la Santé (INFSS) Inspection de la santé <u>Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) à Bamako</u>
Senegal Dakar	Bibliothèque universitaire de Dakar Assemblée Nationale du Sénégal Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie (ANSD) Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) Ministère de la Santé et de l'Action Sociale Direction de la Santé de la Reproduction et de la Survie de l'Enfant (DSRSE) Direction des Laboratoires

Supplementary TABLE 2: Background of the 73 key informants

Present workplace (and function) (or last before retirement)	Sex	Training	Start work
Mali			
Head CSRéf; Head national association of laboratory technicians	M	Biomedical technologist and hygiene and sanitation engineer,	1980-2000
INRSP, specialized in TB (retired)	M	Biotechnologist	1985
Director of INRSP (retired)	M	MD, microbiologist	1974
Vice Coordinator of CSLS (Comité Sectoriel de Lutte contre le SIDA)	M	MD, epidemiologist (specialisation parasitology)	1980
CSRéf	F	Midwife	2005
CSRéf	F	Midwife	2010
CSRéf	F	Midwife	2013
CSRéf	M	Senior technician, (BAMS 2007-2008)	2004
University / Member of national ethics committee (retired)	M	MD internist	1960
Owner Private laboratory	M	Biological pharmacist	1990s
Private laboratory	M	Pharmacist, molecular biologist	2003
Private laboratory	M	Pharmacist	2003
Owner private laboratory; President of the association of private medical doctors and biological pharmacists	F	Pharmacist, biologist	1984
Directrice générale adjointe de l'institut national de formation en science de la santé (INFSS) ; President of association of midwives	F	Midwife and various training at level	Master 1978
Head Reproductive Health Services (SR) at National Directorate of Health	F	Public Health MD	1995
Reproductive Health Services (SR) at National Directorate of Health, AIDS programme	M	Public Health MD	1981
Reproductive Health Services (SR) at National Directorate of Health, head M obstetric fistula	M	Public health MD	1984
Reproductive Health Services (SR) at National Directorate of Health, In charge F of communication	F	Nurse, with master public health	1990
Owner and manager of private pharmacy	M	Pharmacist,	1989
Head of association of pharmacists			
Prof at University Bamako	M	Biological pharmacist	1980
INRSP, lecturer	M	Biological pharmacist,	1981
Head CSCCom	F	MD,	1987
CSCCom, head midwife	F	Midwife	1998
Director INRSP (retired).	M	Medical doctor, hematologist	1956

Professor, Head BAMS; Director CICM (Centre d'Infectiologiey Charles M Mérieux); Socialab representative		Pharmacist/biologist, bacteriology, virology	specialisation 1980
Director of directorate of pharmacy and medicines with division laboratories	M	Biological pharmacist,	1982
At university (maître assistant)			
Faculty of pharmacy and medicine, university (retired); Owner private M pharmacy	M	Pharmacist, bacteriologist, virologist	1978
INRSP – in charge STI lab	M	Biological pharmacist	2008
CSRéf; Vice secretary of national F association of midwives	F	Midwife	1984
Burkina Faso			
Prof university, SociaLab representative	M	Biological pharmacist	1999
MoH – supervision and planning (retired)	M	MD, public health	1978
Reference TB laboratory; Secretary general of association for lab technicians	M	Laboratory technician, (BAMS 2007-10)	1997
and biologists			
Private pharmacy and lab	M	Pharmacist	1970
WHO	M	MD, Biologist	1987
Lecturer laboratory technicians at ENSP	M	Lab technician, BAC+2	1987
Head midwifery training, ENSP	M	Midwife	1988
Director sub -Directorate of Laboratories	M	Pharmacist, specialization microbiology	2002
CMA; president of association of lab technicians	M	Lab Technician	1987
WHO	F	MD (public health, Cairo),	1990
WHO	M	MD Gynaecologist	1992
Prof university; Owner private clinic	F	Gynaecologist	1974
Owner private pharmacy (retired); Head order of pharmacists	M	Pharmacist	1991
Inspector of health for MoH	M	Pharmacist	1983
In charge pediatric hospital lab	M	Trained nurse / lab technician and additional training	1981
Lecturer ESPS (retired); Head association of midwives	F	Midwife	1963
Permanent Secretary CNLS – Conseil National de Lutte contre le SIDA	M	MD Public Health	1984
CNLS – Conseil National de Lutte contre le SIDA	F	Midwife	1985
Director of family health directorate at MoH (Direction de la Santé de la Famille – DSF)	F	MD, public health	1998
Owner private pharmacy	M	Biological pharmacist,	1973
CSPS (Centre Santé et de Promotion Sociale)	M	Midwife	2006
CSPS	F	Midwife	2006

CM (Centre Médicale)	F	Midwife	2010
CM (Centre Médicale)	F	Midwife	2010
Senegal			
Director Directorate of Laboratories, MoH; Professor at university	M	MD, bacteriologist	1986
Head Laboratory District Health Centre	M	Nurse Lab assistant trained on the job	1982
MoH, head AIDS Division	M	MD; public health, sociology	1998
Director ENDSS (Ecole Nationale de Développement Sanitaire et Social)	M	MD	1995
Coordinator midwifery training ENDSS	F	Midwife	1994
Coordinator training laboratory technicians ENDSS	M	State nurse / Senior technician	1980-2000
Prof at Cheikh Anta Diop University	M	Clinical biologist	1984
WHO	M	MD, public health	1983
Owner private laboratory,	M	MD, biologist,	1982
MoH, Director Directorate Prevention	M	MD	1992
Pasteur Institute, scientific director, WHO collaborating centre	M	Virologist biologist	1993
Director Regional Hospital	M	Senior technician)	1986
Head laboratory District health centre; General secretary association of technicians	M	Laboratory technician	2003
Laboratory assistant District health centre	F	Community Health Assistant	2001
University professor, aggregation parasitology	M	Pediatrician, parasitologist	1987
Representative RESAOLAB Dakar	M	Economist Msc	2006
WHO, Responsible maternal health	F	MD, specialized SRHR	1997
MoH, Director Directorate of reproductive health	M	MD	1988
Directorate of Laboratories, MoH, research	F	Biologist	1990
Head laboratory district health centre	M	Sanitation and hygiene technician (military)	1986

Supplementary LIST 1: Websites visited for literature review

<http://www.sante.gouv.sn>

<http://www.pasteur.sn>

<http://www.afro.who.int>

<http://www.ansd.sn>

<http://www.banquemonde.org>

<http://comm.careers.ecowas.int>

<http://www.wahooas.org>

<http://www.cnls-senegal.org/>

<https://www.fondation-merieux.org>

<https://www.afd.fr/fr>

<http://www.sante.gov.bf>

<http://www.google.ml>

<http://www.keneya.net>

<http://www.googlescholar.com>

<http://www.sante.gov.ml>

<https://www.who.int/fr>
