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Supplementary table 1 - Baseline characteristics among children included and excluded from the analyses

| | Included | Excluded | p-value |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Numbers (%) | 5937 (57) | 4519 (43) | - |
| Sex | | | .11 |
| Male (%) | 3039 (51) | 2242 (50) | |
| Female (%) | 2898 (49) | 2277 (50) | |
| Median age in months at | | | |
| start of follow-up | 13.1 (11.0 – | 13.4 (11.1 – | |
| (interquartile range) | 15.5) | 15.7) | 0.0005 |
| MUAC at start of Follow-up ¹ | -1.06 (1.1) | -1.09 (1.12) | .42 |
| Region | | | < 0.0001 |
| Oio | 1307 (22) | 969 (21) | |
| Biombo | 1329 (22) | 1380 (31) | |
| Gabu | 1350 (23) | 803 (18) | |
| Cacheu | 787 (13) | 692 (15) | |
| Bafata | 1164 (20) | 675 (15) | |
| Ethnicity ² | | | < 0.0001 |
| Balanta | 937 (16) | 926 (21) | |
| Pepel | 1117 (19) | 1172 (26) | |
| Fula/Mandinca | 3053 (52) | 1728 (39) | |
| Manjaco | 265 (5) | 270 (6) | |
| Other | 501 (9) | 369 (8) | |
| Median maternal age in years | | | |
| (interquartile range) ³ | 26 (20.9 - 30.8) | 25.3 (20.4 - 30) | < 0.0001 |
| Education of caretaker ⁴ | | | 0.95 |
| 0 years | 5065 (85) | 3805 (84) | |
| 1-4 years | 616 (10) | 472 (10) | |
| >4 years | 146 (2) | 111 (2) | |

 ¹ 3731 observations with missing MUAC
² 118 observations with missing information on ethnicity
³ 116 observations with missing information on maternal age
⁴ 241 observations with missing information on education of caretaker

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Supplementary table 2 - Mortality of children visited between 18 and 35 months of age according to vaccination group

| | | | | Boys | | | Girls | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|---------|----------------|------------------|--|
| | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | |
| | vations | PYRS | MRR | vations | PYRS | MRR | vations | PYRS | MRR | |
| Vaccination status | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | |
| DTP < MV | 2415 | 39.9 (46/1154) | Ref | 1249 | 45.2 (27/598) | Ref | 1166 | 34.1 (19/557) | Ref | |
| DTP = MV | 2065 | 47.0 (46/978) | 0.98 (0.62-1.54) | 1031 | 57.5 (28/487) | 1.06 (0.59-1.92) | 1034 | 36.7 (18/491) | 0.85 (0.42-1.71) | |
| DTP > MV | 1940 | 31.3 (29/927) | 0.62 (0.36-1.06) | 954 | 41.4 (19/458) | 0.83 (0.42-1.63) | 986 | 21.3 (10/469) | 0.39 (0.16-0.94) | |
| DTP, no MV | 580 | 65.9 (18/273) | 1.40 (0.77-2.55) | 278 | 76.2 (10/131) | 1.39 (0.63-3.05) | 302 | 56.3 (8/142) | 1.37 (0.55-3.42) | |
| No DTP, no MV | 502 | 112.0 (26/232) | 2.18 (1.21-3.90) | 238 | 71.0 (8/113) | 1.58 (0.64-3.91) | 264 | 150.8 (18/119) | 2.68 (1.21-5.94) | |
| Out-of-sequence | | | | | | | | | | |
| vaccinations | | | | | | | | | | |
| combined | | | | | | | | | | |
| DTP>=MV | 4005 | 39.4 (75/1,905) | 0.82 (0.54-1.24) | 1985 | 49.7 (47/946) | 0.96 (0.56-1.67) | 2020 | 29.2 (28/960) | 0.64 (0.33-1.24) | |

Note: Mortality rate ratios were calculated using Cox proportional hazards models with age as underlying time, stratified by sex and village cluster.

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Supplementary table 3 - Registered vaccinations during follow-up (FU) period among those with vaccination status assessed again

| | Observations | Seen card | Vaccinated during FU | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| | N | after visit | DTP | MV | Polio | BCG | |
| 9-17 months of age | | | | | | | |
| Vaccination status | | | | | | | |
| DTP < MV | 1590 | 1427 | 31 (2%) | 0 (0%) | 51 (4%) | 3 (0%) | |
| DTP = MV | 1491 | 1324 | 310 (23%) | 0 (0%) | 316 (24%) | 5 (0%) | |
| DTP > MV | 493 | 433 | 67 (15%) | 0 (0%) | 73 (17%) | 0 (0%) | |
| DTP, no MV | 1816 | 1561 | 569 (36%) | 866 (55%) | 576 (37%) | 14 (1%) | |
| No DTP, no MV | 547 | 516 | 120 (23%) | 102 (20%) | 118 (23%) | 78 (15%) | |
| 18-35 months of age | | | | | | | |
| Vaccination status | | | | | | | |
| DTP < MV | 2415 | 2053 | 18 (1%) | 1 (0%) | 38 (2%) | 0 (0%) | |
| DTP = MV | 2065 | 1726 | 150 (9%) | 0 (0%) | 156 (9%) | 2 (0%) | |
| DTP > MV | 1940 | 1648 | 75 (5%) | 0 (0%) | 82 (5%) | 1 (0%) | |
| DTP, no MV | 580 | 429 | 77 (18%) | 104 (24%) | 79 (18%) | 0 (0%) | |
| No DTP, no MV | 502 | 462 | 24 (5%) | 19 (4%) | 23 (5%) | 13 (3%) | |

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Supplementary table 4 - Mortality of children, who had received 3 doses of DTP, visited between 9 and 17 months of age according to vaccination group

| | | | | Boys | | | Girls | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | Obser- | MR per 1000 | | |
| | vations | PYRS | MRR | vations | PYRS | MRR | vations | PYRS | MRR | |
| Vaccination status | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | N | (deaths/PYRS) | (95% CI) | |
| DTP3 < MV | 1492 | 30.4 (14/460) | Ref | 774 | 37.7 (9/239) | Ref | 718 | 22.6 (5/221) | Ref | |
| DTP3 = MV | 882 | 49.6 (13/262) | 2.07 (0.88-4.86) | 422 | 64.5 (8/124) | 1.77 (0.61-5.15) | 460 | 36.3 (5/138) | 2.64 (0.65-10.73) | |
| DTP3 > MV | 363 | 35.8 (3/84) | 1.27 (0.33-4.81) | 191 | 23.2 (1/43) | 0.76 (0.09-6.43) | 172 | 49.1 (2/41) | 2.09 (0.34-12.86) | |
| DTP3, no MV | 634 | 78.4 (20/255) | 3.01 (1.42-6.34) | 334 | 88.1 (12/136) | 2.56 (0.97-6.74) | 300 | 67.4 (8/119) | 3.80 (1.17-12.33) | |
| Out-of-sequence | | | | | | | | | | |
| vaccinations | | | | | | | | | | |
| combined | | | | | | | | | | |
| DTP3>=MV | 1245 | 46.3 (16/346) | 1.85 (0.82-4.16) | 613 | 53.8 (9/167) | 1.53 (0.54-4.29) | 632 | 39.2 (7/179) | 2.46 (0.67-9.09) | |

Note: Mortality rate ratios were calculated using Cox proportional hazards models with age as underlying time, stratified by sex and village cluster