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Minor compulsory revisions

1) Line 178-9 This sentence needs a reference for the Ouagadougou IPTp-SP use. "The difference between our results with those reported in Ouagadougou could be due to the lower use of IPTp-SP in that study"
   We have now added the appropriate reference.

2) The discussion flips between towns and countries. Each time a town or district is mentioned be specific by also providing country e.g : line 179 Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina-Faso, line 182 Luanda, Angola, an urban
   We have now added the recommended details.

3) Line 212. Achieving 4 antenatal visits (as a minimum) is not just a factor relating to education of pregnant women as implied here: "Thus educating pregnant women on focused ANC visits is recommended."
   The whole system needs to be revitalized including antenatal care staff who also need to be educated and enthused so that they can explain to women to try to meet the number of visits; the government needs to support access to antenatal care in rural areas....as these are often barriers to attendance in the women who need it most.
   The passage from line 212 to line 215 has been now changed as following:
   “Thus educating pregnant women on focused ANC visits is recommended. Moreover the whole health system needs to be revitalized including antenatal care staffs that also need to be educated and enthused so that they can explain to women to try to meet the number of visits; the government needs to support access to antenatal care in rural areas.”