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Ethics statement: Study procedures were approved by the Comité National d’Ethique pour la Recherche en Santé through the Ministry of Health in Senegal and by the Institutional Review Board of at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Written consent was obtained from all participants. All participants were age 18 or older at endline; in additional consent from heads of households was obtained for participants aged 15-17 at baseline.