**Additional File 1: Activities performed by non-maternal caregivers**

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| **Activities performed by non-paternal caregivers** |
| Food preparation for visitors and other household members |
| Caretaking of other children in the household e.g. feeding, bathing, playing |
| General house cleaning activities  |
| Cord care and inspection |
| Bathing the newborn including drying and dressing activities |
| Rubbing newborn’s body with oil, powder, butter following bathing |
| Cleaning the newborn’s bottom following defecation |
| Changing newborns diapers/diapers following defecation |
| Moving newborn to and from bed or mothers’ arms  |
| Cleaning newborn’s eyes  |
| Visiting the toilet  |
| Caretaking of the mother e.g. assisting mother to go to the toilet, giving medication |
| Leading religious activities  |
| Welcoming and entertaining visitors  |