

# Evidence for Sustainable Human Development Systems in Africa Evidence pour les Systèmes de Développement Humain Durable en Afrique

# **WHO WE ARE**

EVIHDAF is an international research and development organization headquartered in Yaoundé, Cameroon. It was founded to strengthen and expand the evidence base for **sustainable human development systems** in Africa.

EVIHDAF brings together a multidisciplinary team of **International Advisors**, **Country Teams**, **National and International**, **English and French speaking Consultants and Researchers** from renowned institutions across Africa, Europe and North America.

We are based in, and serve the **West and Central Africa region**, with a focus on six priority countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo DR, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal.

## WHAT WE DO: OUR SERVICES

EVIHDAF provides a portfolio of services in three overlapping and complementary areas: Research, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning; Data, Analytics & Information Systems; and Social & Behavior Change Strategies.

## Research, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

Leveraging a wide variety of methods and expertise, EVIHDAF provides solutions to:

- Inform program design and implementation
- Assess effectiveness and efficiency, and
- Guide the process of bringing proven interventions to scale

We focus on quality results and on how our clients will use the information to make policy and program decisions.





# Data, Analytics & Information Systems

EVIHDAF offers a comprehensive, fit-for-purpose survey research and qualitative investigation services. Our solutions are customized to our clients' needs and include:

- Survey design, sampling and administration
- Data collection and operations
- Data analysis, reporting and dissemination

Ultimately, we seek to contribute to reliable information systems as the foundation for sound decision-making.

## Social & Behavior Change Strategies

EVIHDAF informs and supports evidence-based Social and Behavior Change programs that can positively influence knowledge, attitudes, behaviors and social norms.



## Our guiding principles

- Excellence and Accountability
- Integrity and Objectivity
- Collaboration and Flexibility



Our practice areas include: Health & Health Systems; Nutrition & Food Security; and Agriculture & Livelihoods. Ultimately, EVIHDAF offers services to programs that advance the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 3 on healthy lives and well-being
- SGD 2 on hunger, food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture
- SDG 1 on poverty
- SDG 5 on gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment



## **Health & Health Systems**

EVIHDAF teams have wide-ranging experience in the following subject areas:

- Maternal, newborn and child health
- Family planning and reproductive health
- Malaria, HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases
- Non-communicable diseases
- Health systems strengthening

# **Nutrition & Food Security**

Our teams have experience and expertise in:

- Nutrition during the *first 1,000 days* (between a woman's pregnancy and her child's second birthday)
- Young child feeding practices and nutrition among pre-school and school age children
- Food security



# **Agriculture & Livelihoods**

EVIHDAF team members are experts in:

- Agricultural extension and rural development
- Post-harvest operations, value chains and innovation platforms
- Nutritional considerations in agricultural practices
- Animal and veterinary science
- Smallholder farmers' cooperatives and groups

## **OUR CROSS-CUTTING INTERESTS**

We specialize in supporting programs with intentional focus on:

- Women's and girls' empowerment
- Involving target communities and beneficiaries
- Bridging the poor-rich equity gaps





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# OUR CAPABILITIES

EVIHDAF is an **Africa-based**, **African-led** institution where the ability to think global combines with skills and expertise to act local.

# **How We Work with Our Country Teams**

Leveraging its national and global expertise, EVIHDAF leads **multi-country or multi-sectoral** initiatives, promoting cross-country learnings, and generates and tests **innovative ideas** to guide interventions, implementing models, and scale up of proven strategies.

Our **Country Teams**' institutions take the lead on **country-specific projects**, with EVIHDAF backstopping their efforts, providing technical oversight, quality assurance, capacity building, and regional or global perspectives.

## Past Performance of Our Teams

Our **International Advisors** and **Country Teams** are accomplished researchers and subject matter experts with robust track records of attracting grants from a variety of sources, designing and conducting research activities in many countries across Africa. Here are a few examples:

- Each has authored numerous publications in their fields of study, and most sit on editorial boards of reputable journals.
- All have many years of experience as Consultants or Technical Advisors with:
  - United Nations and multilateral agencies (e.g. WHO, FAO, UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Bank, AfDB, IFAD, WFP, the Global Fund, UNAIDS, UN Women)
  - Prominent regional and international initiatives including, CTA, ANAFE, GAIN, Nutrition International, Roll Back Malaria
  - Major funders including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Buffett Foundation, USAID and DFID
- Many have led teams that developed national policy documents on matters related to health, nutrition, agriculture and development.
- Most have served on national or regional Institutional Review Boards, or as Chairs of National High-level Technical Working Groups or Commissions.
- Country team members have collaborative linkages with other institutions in Africa, Europe and North America.

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