**Supplementary Figure Legends**

**Supplementary Figure 1. Bacterial meningitis case definitions**

**Supplementary Figure 2. Contribution of different diagnostic methods in confirmed bacterial meningitis casea identification**

Abbreviations: Hi, *Haemophilus influenzae*, Spn, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*; Nm, *Neisseria meningitidis*

aThe diagnostic method for two confirmed cases of Spn meningitis was not listed and excluded from the graph