

Table 1 Characteristics of selected hospitals and primary health care clinics in Sharqiyah and Qena governorates, Egypt

Public facilities	No. of facilities assessed	Location	Service provided
Hospital			
General hospital	2	Urban	Wide range of services
Infectious disease & specialized hospital	5	Urban/rural	Only patients with infectious diseases
District hospital	8	Urban	Wide range of services; no specialized internal department
Rural (complementary) hospital	6	Rural	Small number of beds; only minor operations
Subtotal	21	–	–
Primary health care clinic			
Health centre	8	Urban	Different curative services
Mother & child health centre	4	Urban	Mainly preventive services to mother and child
Health group	9	Rural	Mainly curative services
Health office	1	Urban	Preventive services, e.g. immunization; registration of births and deaths
Subtotal	22	–	–
Total	43	–	–