

Table 1 Visceral leishmaniasis (VL) case detection among children ≤ 12 years of age in the intervention area (Meshkin-Shahr district) and control area (Ahar district) before and after establishment of the VL surveillance system

Study area	Before intervention		After intervention		RR	95% CI	P-value
	VL cases detected ^a No.	Mean annual incidence (/1000 children ≤ 12 years)	VL cases detected ^b No.	Mean annual incidence (/1000 children ≤ 12 years)			
Intervention area	1798	1.88	161	0.77	0.43	0.28-0.68	< 0.001
Control area	68	0.11	69	0.23	2.06	0.28-1.72	< 0.001

^aPeriods of data collection: intervention area 1985-2000; control area 1992-2000.

^bPeriods of data collection: intervention area 2001-2007; control area 2001-2007.

RR = relative risk; CI = confidence interval.