

Figure 1 Sampling flow chart for surveyed public health institutes

21 institutes recognized by the Higher Education Commission with public health degree programmes

- Five public health institutes had recently started public health programmes and no class had graduated at the time of data collection.

16 public health institutes with at least 1 graduated class

- The public health programme at one public health institute did not allow general admissions.

15 public health institutes had at least 1 graduated class and allowed general admissions

- Four public health institutes were located in cities other than national or provincial capitals.

11 public health institutes fulfilling the inclusion criteria were included in the sample