

Table 2 WHO Member States divided into 3 groups according to the WHO recommended caesarean birth rate (10–15%)

CB rates	Countries in Eastern Mediterranean Region
< 10%	Group 1: Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen (18%)
10–15%	Group 2: Djibouti, Kuwait, Pakistan (14%)
> 15%	Group 3: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, Libya, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Oman, United Arab Emirates (68%)

CB = caesarean birth; WHO = World Health Organization.