

OBJECTIVES

- To assess the *quality of outpatient care* provided to sick children age two months up to 5 years old by health providers trained in IMCI;
- To describe *organisational and managerial factors* (“health systems support”) influencing the quality of care and identify major constraints to it;
- To measure *key indicators* of quality care to monitor progress of the IMCI strategy at health facilities; and
- To recommend *further approaches* to improving the quality of outpatient care

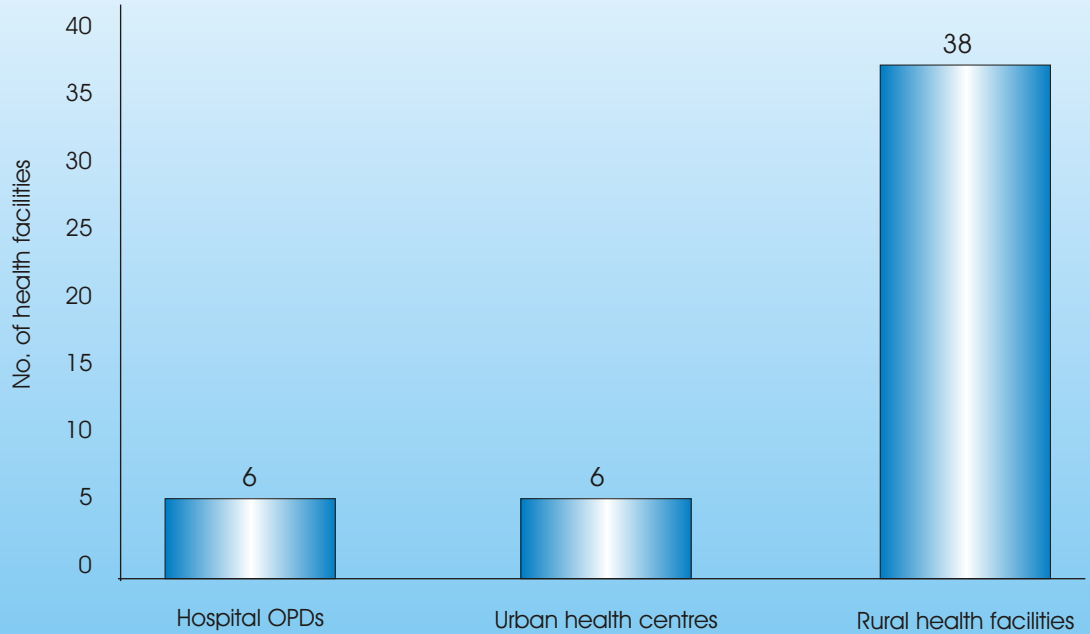
METHODOLOGY

SELECTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES:

Random selection of 50 health facilities from the list of 294 facilities in 10 Governorates in Upper and Lower Egypt:

- Implementing IMCI;
- With at least a doctor trained in IMCI; and
- Having an estimated daily caseload of at least 4 cases below 5 years old

TYPE OF HEALTH FACILITIES SELECTED



ENROLMENT CRITERIA:

- AGE: 2 months “up to” 5 years old
- REASON FOR CONSULTATION: any symptom or condition covered by IMCI
- INITIAL VISIT

Sequence at health facility

