

Table 2 Availability of health care providers at DHQs and THQs in 6 districts of Sindh Province

District	Facility	Available certified specialists			Density/ 100 000 population	Available non-specialist physicians, surgeons, obstetricians, anaesthetists	Density/100 000 population for certified and non-specialist combined
		Surgeon	Obstetrician/ gynaecologist	Anaesthetist			
Badin	DHQH (1)	1	4	4	0.8	7	2.3
	THQH (2)	4	1	1		6	
Jacobabad	DHQH (1)	2	6	0	0.8	9	1.7
Naushero Feroze	DHQH (1)	1	1	1	0.6	6	1.6
	THQH (2)	2	3	2		4	
Shikarpur	DHQH (1)	0	0	1	0.6	6	2.0
	THQH (1)	3	2	1		13	
Sukkur	THQH (2)	6	2	1	0.6	3	1.0
Tharparkar	DHQH (1)	3	3	3	0.7	6	1.7
	THQH (3)	2	0	1		3	
Total (N = 15)		24	22	15	0.7 ^a	63	1.4 ^a
Range		0–6	0–6	0–4		3–13	
Mean±SD		1.6±1.1	1.5±1.7	1.0±1.1		4.2±3.6	

^aDensity of surgical workforce in the 6 districts per 100 000 population. DHQH = district headquarters hospital; THQH = Taluka headquarters hospital