

Table 3 Availability of surgical allied professionals and support staff in 15 rural hospitals

Facility	Midwife	Nurse anaesthetists	Anaesthesia technicians	Surgical ward nurses	Scrub nurses	Radiologists	Pathologists	Pharmacists	Biomedical technicians
DHQH (n = 5)									
Total no. of providers	14	3	10	47	5	1	1	17	4
DHQH without provider	2/5	3/5	3/5	1/5	2/5	4/5	4/5	2/5	1/5
THQH (n = 10)									
Total no. of providers	22	0	5	18	10	2	1	1	1
THQH without provider	3/10	10/10	5/10	3/10	6/10	8/10	9/10	9/10	9/10
DHQH & THQH (N = 15)									
Total no. of providers	36	3	15	65	15	3	2	16	5
Facilities without provider	5/15	13/15	8/15	4/15	8/15	12/15	13/15	11/15	10/15

DHQH = district headquarters hospital; THQH = Taluka headquarters hospital