

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of study participants, Sindh Province, Pakistan (N = 1600)

Characteristic	Outsourced (n = 800) % (number)	Non-outsourced (n = 800) % (number)	P
Age of child (months)	Mean = 16.98, SD = 3.35	Mean = 17.43 SD = 3.68	0.020
12–18	63.4 (507)	61.1 (489)	
19–24	36.6 (293)	38.9 (311)	0.353
Gender of child			
Male	54.6 (437)	52.9 (423)	
Female	45.4 (363)	45.4 (377)	0.483
Place of birth of child			
Home	23.6 (189)	20.6 (165)	
Private facility	15.9 (127)	13.9 (111)	
Government facility	60.5 (484)	65.5 (524)	0.117
Years of mother's education			
No formal education	62.0 (496)	62.4 (499)	
1–5	28.8 (230)	29.1 (233)	
6–10	5.1 (41)	4.8 (38)	
≥11	4.1 (33)	3.8 (30)	0.963
Year of father's education			
No formal education	42.6 (341)	38.9 (311)	
1–5	29.1 (233)	29.2 (234)	
6–10	13.2 (106)	16.4 (131)	
≥11	15.0 (120)	15.5 (124)	0.252
Household monthly income (PKR)	Mean = 26138.12, SD = 9189.9	Mean = 28092.50, SD = 8197.47	<0.001
Lower	41.8 (334)	24.9 (199)	
Middle	34.0 (272)	40.2 (322)	
Upper	24.2 (194)	34.9 (299)	<0.001
Distance from facility (km)			
≤3	48.9 (391)	51.1 (409)	
>3	51.1 (409)	48.9 (391)	0.368

Man-Whitney U test applied for comparing average age and household monthly income. Chi-square test applied to compare proportions.