

Table 2 Assessment of the communicable diseases surveillance system (CDSS) supportive functions at different levels of CDSS in Khartoum state, 2005-2007

Supportive functions	Locality (n = 7)		Health areas (n = 19)		Health facility (n = 150)		Standard benchmark
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	%
CDSS manual							
Presence of the CDSS manual	5	71.4	14	73.7	20	13.3	80
Use of the CDSS manual to guide the surveillance activities	3	60.0	6	46.2	13	65.0	80
Training							
Training of the rapid response team	-	NA	-	NA	-	NA	80
Basic training on CDSS	7	100.0	19	100.0	131	87.3	80
Post basic training on CDSS	7	100.0	19	100.0		74.5	80
Supervision							
Presence of supervisory visits to the lower level	3	42.9	9	47.4	-	NA	80
Review of CDSS activities during the supervisory visit	2	28.6	3	15.8	-	NE	80
Existence of supervisory visit feedback system	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	80
Implementation of supervisory visit recommendation	-	NE	-	NE	-	NE	80
Resources							
Presence of office	7	100.0	16	84.2	150	100.0	80
Presence of functioning telephone	7	100.0	19	100.0	134	89.3	80
Presence of functioning means of transportation	7	100.0	14	73.7		NA	80
Availability of functioning computer	7	100.0	19	100.0	22	14.7	80
Availability of functioning photocopier	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	80
Availability of functioning spray pump	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	80
Availability of disinfection materials	1	14.3	0	0.0	98	65.3	80
Availability of protection materials	1	14.3	0	0.0	91	60.7	80

NA = not applicable; NE = no evidence.