

Table 2 Flexibility and usefulness of Mini Emergency Health Kit (MEHK) compared with Interagency Emergency Health Kit (IEHK) listed therapeutic category and the dosage form along with their cost comparison

Therapeutic category	No. of items	Dosage form in MEHK					No. of items	Dosage form in IEHK				
		S	L	INH	INJ	E		S	L	INH	INJ	E
Local anaesthetics/preoperative medication/anaphylactic shock	3						2					
Antimalarial therapy	4						0					
Medicines acting on gastrointestinal tract/antacids and other anti-ulcer	3						1					
Antibacterial therapy	8						2					
Medicines acting on cardiovascular system/antihypertensive	6						3					
Antidotes for poisoning	2						1					
Scabicides/pediculicides	1						1					
Antiepilepsy/anticonvulsants	1						0					
Ophthalmic preparations	3						1					
Disinfectants and antiseptics	2						2					
Antiallergics and drugs used in anaphylaxis	3						1					
Antifungal preparations	2						2					
Parenterals	5						3					
Analgesics, antipyretics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines	3						2					
Antianaemic medicines	2						2					
Diuretics	1						1					
Antidiabetic preparations	3						0					
Anti-infective medicines/anthelmintic medicines/antiprotozoals	2						2					
Oxytocics	3						1					
Oral rehydration therapy	1						1					
Antispasmodic preparations	1						0					
Topical antibiotics	2						1					
Antiasthmatic therapy	1						1					
Micronutrients	1						1					
Water chlorination/purification tablet/sachet	1						1					
Consumables/supplies	24						16					
Costing	US\$ 1000 for providing one month coverage to 6000 population					US\$ 1881 for partial coverage to 6000 population for one month						
Per capita cost	US\$ 0.166					US\$ 0.313						

S = solid preparations; L = liquid preparations; INH = inhalation; INJ = injectable; E = external preparations.

■ = dosage form available.