

Table 4 Essential drugs—days out of stock (mean number of days per month)

Essential drug	Hospital	Rural health centre	Basic health unit	Dispensary	Maternal and child health centre	TB centre	SSC	SHC
Oral rehydration salts	5	7	8	7	9	13	8	7
Co-trimoxazole tablets	5	6	6	7	8	8	7	3
Chloroquine tablets	9	8	9	9	9	12	9	3
Folate tablets	9	10	12	11	10	13	9	13
Iron tablets	8	9	11	10	10	11	9	10

Source: National Health Management Information System Data 2005–2008.

TB = tuberculosis; SSC = social security centre; SHC = subhealth centre.