

Table 2 Sample of equipment and supplies provided for collaborating laboratories in Afghanistan

Item	No. of items	Site
PCR machine, conventional	1	CPHL
PCR machine, real-time	2	CPHL
Gel documentation apparatus, digital camera	1	CPHL
ELISA (washer and reader)	6	All sites
Regular microscope	6	All sites
Inverted microscope	2	CPHL
pH meter	6	All sites
Class II biosafety cabinets	4	CPHL, Indira Gandhi Paediatric Hospital, Kandahar
Centrifuge /swing bucket/multipurpose	6	All sites
Ultralow freezers	3	CPHL, Kandahar
Water bath	6	All sites
Refrigerator	6	All sites
Sterilizer	6	All sites
Incubator (with/without CO ₂)	6	All sites
Vortex mixer	6	All sites
Ultra pure water system	6	All sites
Fire extinguisher	6	All sites
Digital balance	4	CPHL, Indira Gandhi Paediatric Hospital, Kandahar
Air clean zone	2	CPHL
Hot plate and magnetic stirrer	6	All sites
Computer/printer	6	All sites
Anaerobic jar	12	All sites
Single/multiple channel pipette	> 10	All sites
Blood culture bottles	> 800	All sites

PCR = polymerase chain reaction; ELISA = enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; CPHL= Central Public Health Laboratory.