

**Table 1 Prevalence of anaemia based on the haemoglobin levels in children aged 2–6 years and 7–12 years in rural and urban areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Age group/ Severity of anaemia	Urban		Rural		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>2–6 years<sup>a</sup></i>						
Severe	17	0.8	26	1.3	43	1.0
Moderate	54	2.4	50	2.6	104	2.5
Mild	142	6.4	164	8.4	306	7.3
Normal	2008	90.5	1709	87.7	3717	89.1
Total	2221	100.0	1949	100.0	4170	100.0
<i>7–12 years<sup>b</sup></i>						
Severe	52	1.1	43	1.2	95	1.1
Moderate	134	2.7	119	3.4	253	3.0
Mild	462	9.4	457	12.9	919	10.9
Normal	4269	86.8	2925	82.5	7194	85.0
Total	4917	100.0	3544	100.0	8461	100.0

<sup>a</sup>Severe anaemia < 9.0 g/dL; moderate anaemia 9.0–9.9 g/dL; mild anaemia 10.0–10.9 g/dL.

<sup>b</sup>Severe anaemia < 10.0 g/dL; moderate anaemia 10.0–10.9 g/dL; mild anaemia 11.0–11.9 g/dL.