

**Table 5 Knowledge and practices of injection providers and supervisors (interviews and observation)**

Activity	Health facilities (n = 78)	
	No.	%
Removal of needle by hand before disposal	11	14.1
Practice of throwing needle with syringe	62	79.5
Institutions reporting needle-stick injuries	14	17.9
Knowledge of where to report after needle-stick injury	60	76.9
Specific person assigned for sharps disposal	62	79.5
In possession of standard operating procedures: <i>National EPI manual [9]<sup>a</sup></i>	78	100.0
In possession of any other injection safety policy/ protocol <sup>b</sup>	22	28.2
No shortage of syringes & needles in the last year	75	96.2
No shortage of safety containers for waste disposal in last year	73	93.6

<sup>a</sup>The facilities were classified into categories based on the response of the key senior supervisory staff since generally the others followed their instructions.

<sup>b</sup>Verbal responses were verified by observation wherever feasible.