



Quality Health Partners: Baseline Assessment on IDSR* in Regional Hospitals and Facilities in Ghana

* Infectious Disease Surveillance and Response

Objective and Method

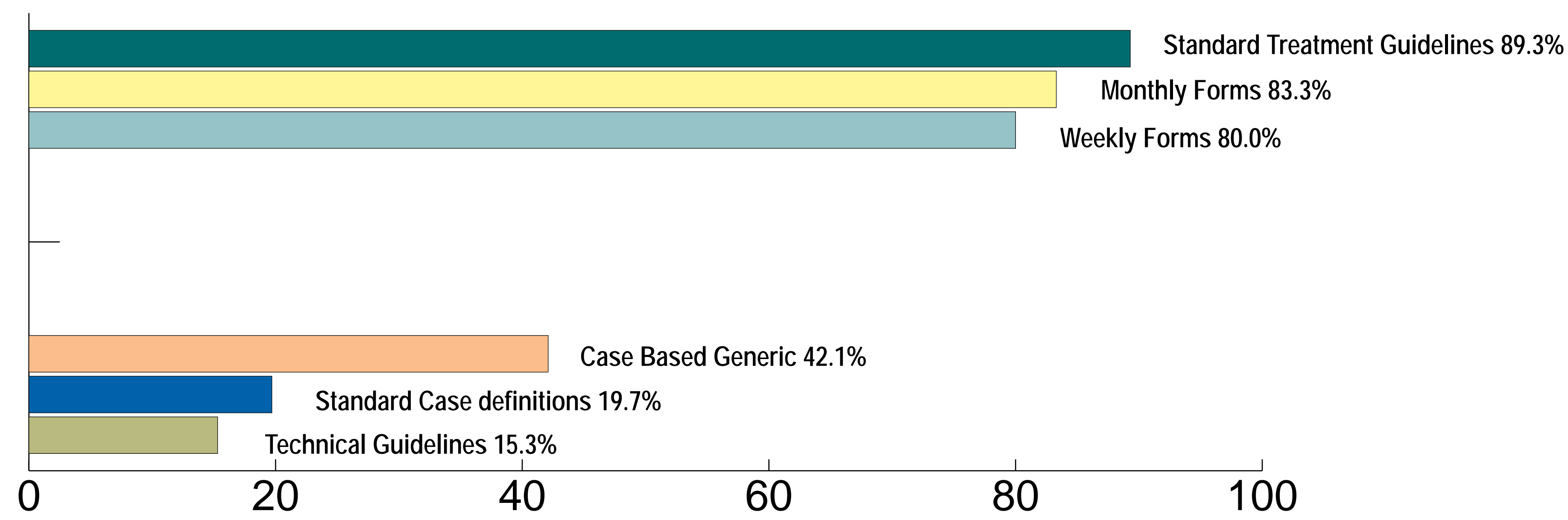
Objective

- n Establish a starting point for QHP assistance to regions, districts and facilities, with data on:
 - m Readiness of facilities to provide quality reproductive and child health services
 - m Baseline for the indicators in the QHP evaluation plan for purposes of measuring program results

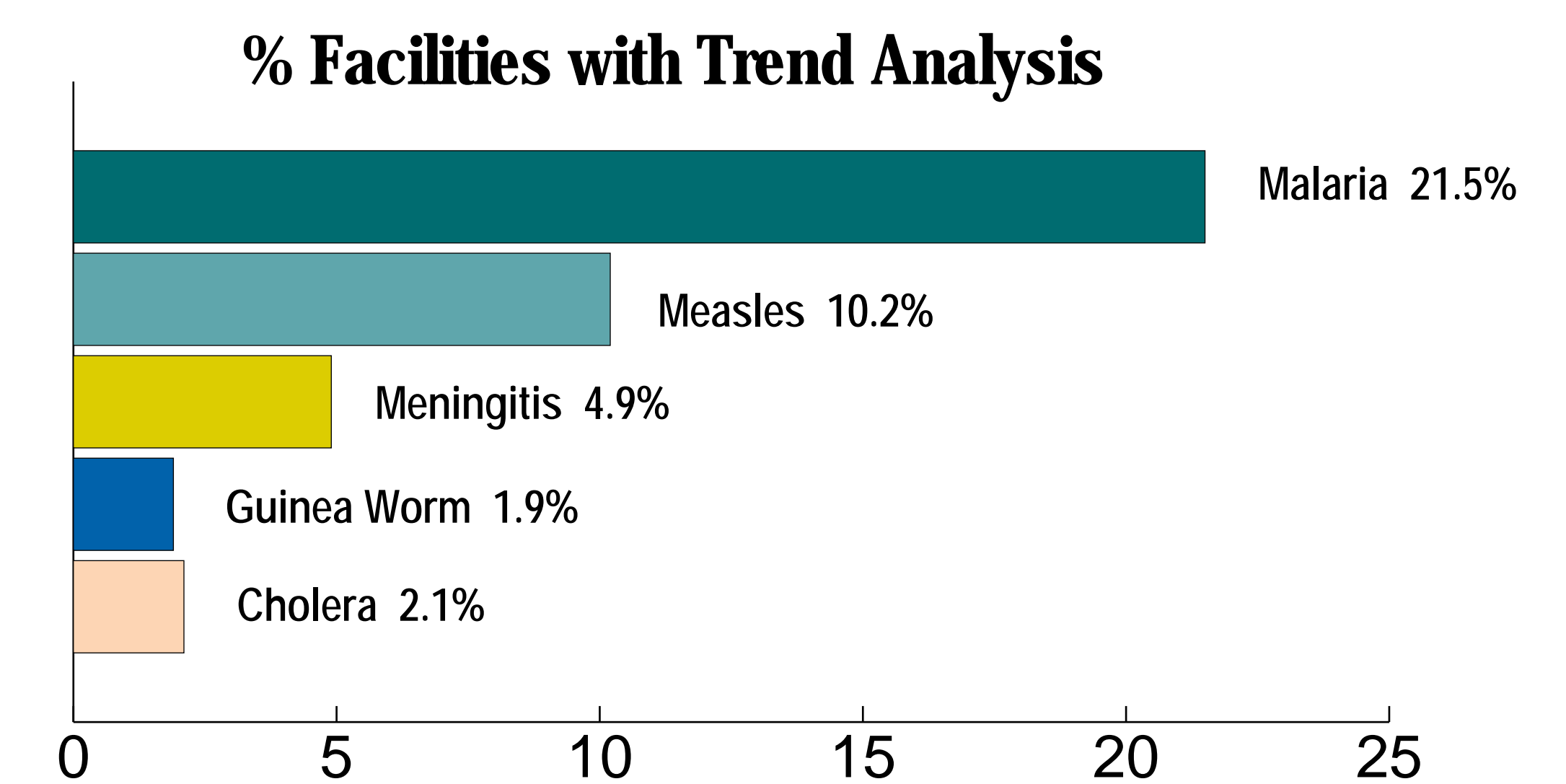
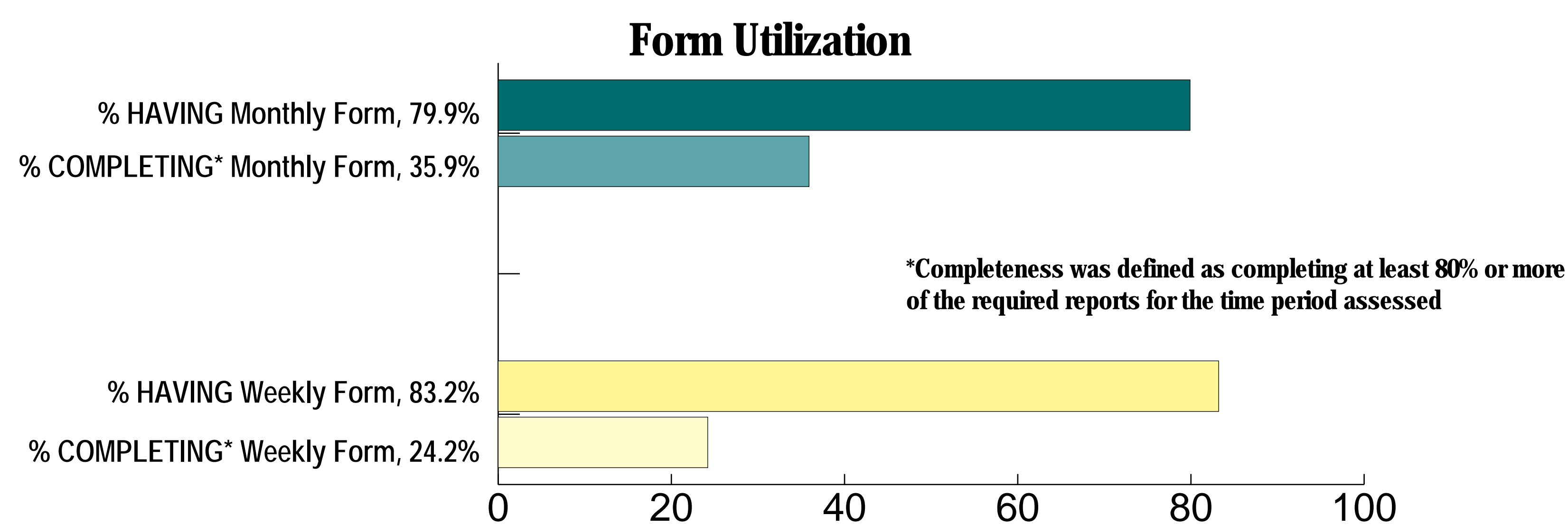
Method

- n Census of all regional hospitals, facilities in 28 target districts of the seven southern regions and in other key facilities
 - m Facility survey
 - m Provider interview
 - m Observation of care given to sick children presenting with diarrhea or fever
 - m Client exit interviews
 - m Record review of sexually transmitted infection patients

Availability of IDSR Materials



Utilization of Forms and Analysis of Data



Summary of Findings

- n Availability of IDSR materials
 - m Good for standard treatment guidelines, weekly and monthly report forms (range 80-89%)
 - m Poor for technical guidelines, standard case definitions and case based reporting forms (range 15-42%)
- n Utilization of reporting forms
 - m Poor completeness of weekly and monthly report forms (range 24 and 39%)
- n Trend analysis of priority diseases
 - m Poor trend analysis for priority diseases (range 2.1-21.5%)

Next Steps

- n Capacity building of health staff through
 - m Provision of IDSR materials to health facilities (technical guidelines, standards, reporting forms, etc.)
 - m Training of health facility staff including Regional Health Management Team/District Health Management Team in IDSR
- n Support to strengthen supervision and follow-up supervisory support and coaching
- n Continuous assessment and problem solving
- n Information/experience sharing