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Despite of the regional differences and seasonal variations, there is a general pattern of children morbidity in the tropics and the subtropics. This pattern is dominated by diarrheal diseases, respiratory tract infections, malnutrition and infectious diseases (Jelliffe, 1966).

High child deaths during May to August is mainly due to gastroenteritis, while high deaths in January is suggested to be attributed to respiratory infections (Abd El Fattah et al, 1977).

This present work was designed to throw light on the pattern of diseases in paediatric department, Benha University Hospital, both retrospectively and prospectively.