Table 5. Observed and expected abortion ratio and effect of sex preference on the abortion ratio in Matlab comparison and project areas, by period

Ratio and effect	Comparison area			Project area		
	1982–1986	1987–1991	1992–1995	1982–1986	1987–1991	1992–1995
Observed	20.9	39.5	51.1	15.6	24.8	23.8
Expected	28.5	53.9	70.5	19.9	33.8	36.9
Effect*	–36.0	–36.5	–38.0	–27.4	–36.3	–55.0

*Calculated as ([Observed ratio – Expected ratio]/Observed ratio) x 100.