**S1 Table. Showing the characteristics of the study districts**. Dog keeping is much less common in Muslim communities; in these areas, transect surveys were normally counting fewer dogs (<5) dogs per transect in a village. There is high variation of human to dog ratio between districts.

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| Region | District | Total transects (Frequency of observing <5 dogs during transect surveys) | Rounds of transects | Setting | Dominated  religion | Human population  As per 2014 [1] | Dog population  [2] |
| Mtwara | Tandahimba | 266 (188) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 232,087 | 6,365 |
| Lindi | Lindi Rural | 326 (155) | 3 | Rural coastal | Moslems | 190,280 | 2,015 |
| Mtwara | Mtwara Rural | 215 (141) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 232,586 | 2,412 |
| Pwani | Rufiji | 178 (135) | 3 | Rural coastal | Moslems | 221,641 | 5,564 |
| Pwani | Mkuranga | 204 (128) | 3 | Rural coastal | Moslems | 231,927 | 3,923 |
| Mtwara | Newala | 214 (114) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 209,622 | 4,367 |
| Lindi | Liwale | 206 (103) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 95,072 | 1,925 |
| Mtwara | Masasi | 168 (56) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 252,978 | 5,299 |
| Lindi | Kilwa | 167 (53) | 3 | Rural coastal | Moslems | 194,578 | 3,099 |
| Lindi | Ruangwa | 241 (51) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 133,715 | 2,824 |
| Morogoro | Morogoro | 178 (46) | 2 | Rural inland | Christians | 292,002 | 20,530 |
| Mtwara | Nanyumbu | 171 (44) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 153,889 | 3,330 |
| Pwani | Kisarawe | 175 (42) | 3 | Rural inland | Moslems | 103,640 | 6,541 |
| Morogoro | Kilombero | 139 (39) | 2 | Rural inland | Christians | 424,358 | 17,495 |
| Lindi | Nachingwea | 253 (32) | 2 | Rural inland | Moslems | 182,051 | 3,886 |
| Dar Es Salaam | Temeke | 49 (21) | 2 | Urban coastal | Moslems | 1,538,075 | 9,185 |
| Lindi | Lindi Urban | 46 (18) | 3 | Urban inland | Moslems | 90,265 | 1,160 |
| Pwani | Kibaha | 123 (17) | 3 | Rural inland | Christians | 74,485 | 5,206 |
| Pwani | Kibaha Urban | 156 (14) | 3 | Urban inland | Christians | 141,658 | 5,932 |
| Mtwara | Mtwara Urban | 25 (11) | 3 | Urban coastal | Moslems | 112,674 | 1,173 |
| Dar Es Salaam | Ilala | 24 (10) | 1 | Urban coastal | Moslems | 1,397,478 | 9,063 |
| Dar Es Salaam | Kinondoni | 52 (8) | 2 | Urban coastal | Moslems | 1,956,992 | 9,506 |
| Morogoro | Morogoro Urban | 38 (7) | 2 | Urban inland | Christians | 335,102 | 8,297 |
| Mtwara | Masasi Urban | 35 (4) | 3 | Urban inland | Christians | 106,845 | 2,226 |
| Morogoro | Ulanga | 128 (2) | 2 | Rural inland | Christians | 281,354 | 13,980 |

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