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## **ADVANCING PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES**

Advancing Partners & Communities is implemented by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc., in collaboration with FHI 360. The project focuses on advancing and supporting community programs that seek to improve the overall health of communities and achieve other health-related impacts, especially in relationship to family planning. Advancing Partners & Communities provides global leadership for community-based programming, executes and manages small- and medium-sized sub-awards, supports procurement reform by preparing awards for execution by USAID, and builds technical capacity of organizations to implement effective programs. Learn more about Advancing Partners & Communities at [advancingpartners.org](http://advancingpartners.org).

In Sierra Leone, the project is implemented by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. in collaboration with FHI 360 and in partnership with Action Against Hunger, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, GOAL, International Medical Corps, and Save the Children. The project supports the Ministry of Health and Sanitation's post-Ebola recovery efforts, with a focus on reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health.

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## **JSI RESEARCH & TRAINING INSTITUTE, INC.**

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc., is a public health management consulting and research organization dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities. [JSI](#) collaborates with government agencies, the private sector, and local nonprofit and civil society organizations to improve quality, access and equity of health systems worldwide.

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Advancing Partners & Communities strengthened critical community-based non-Ebola health services, with emphasis on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health. As a result of the project's improvements, the total number of outpatient consultations at project-supported facilities increased by 34% between 2013 (before the outbreak) and 2016 (after the outbreak).







“Ebola made partners of the international community, or the donors, to see that this country actually [needs] support in terms of [the] health care system.”

—Celine Abande, midwife

**Celine Abande, a midwife in the Port Loko district, works with International Medical Corps (IMC), an organization partnering with Advancing Partners & Communities in Sierra Leone.**

Photo: Joshua Yospy

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Sierra Leone, the project works through a USD\$17 million grant from USAID's "Ebola Response and Preparedness" funds, to support the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) in the implementation of its 2015–2020 Health Sector Recovery Plan in five districts. The project's goal is to strengthen critical community-based non-Ebola health services, with emphasis on reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services.

## OBJECTIVES

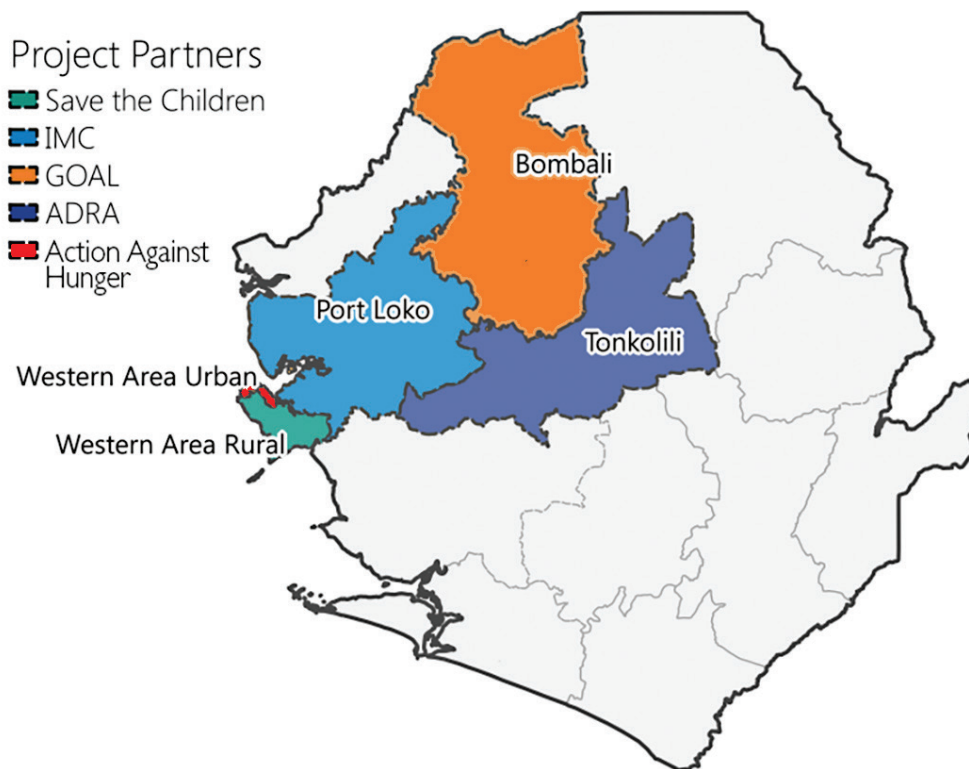
Strengthen policy environment to enable increased access at health posts (HPs) (community health posts (CHPs) and maternal and child health posts (MCHPs) and the community level; increase capacity and effectiveness of the health workforce and community platforms to provide high-quality RMNCH services, including infection prevention and control (IPC); and improve physical conditions of HPs to enhance safety, quality, and access to basic health services.

## COVERAGE

District-level activities are implemented by partner NGO grantees, one per district (Bombali, Port Loko, Tonkolili, and Western Area Rural and Urban—**home to about 50 percent of the Sierra Leone population**), in partnership with district health management teams and local councils. Partners work to achieve project objectives through: rehabilitation of HPs, capacity building activities, promotion of community engagement with health facilities, and provision of minor medical equipment (MME).

### Project Partners

- Save the Children
- IMC
- GOAL
- ADRA
- Action Against Hunger



# 305 OF 365 FACILITIES RECEIVED PROJECT SUPPORT



\* Full Package Support includes WASH/IPC Rehabilitations, Capacity Building, Community Engagement and Minor Medical Equipment.

## Advancing Partners & Communities, Sierra Leone

### Catchment Population based on Type of Project Intervention, June 2017

Tier I facilities: WASH/IPC Rehabilitation, Capacity Building & Community Engagement, and Minor Medical Equipment						
District	Total Catchment Population	% Pop	Est. Population (2016)	Number of PHUs* supported	% PHUs* supported	Total # PHUs*
Bombali	96,761	16%	606,544	24	30%	80
Port Loko	106,558	17%	615,376	22	23%	95
Tonkolili	126,354	24%	531,435	24	26%	92
WA Rural	131,602	30%	444,270	20	47%	43
WA Urban	356,777	34%	1,055,964	20	36%	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>818,052</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>3,253,589</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>365</b>

Tier II facilities: Capacity Building & Community Engagement, and Minor Medical Equipment						
District	Total Catchment Population	% Pop	Est. Population (2016)	Number of PHUs* supported	% PHUs* supported	Total # PHUs*
Bombali	111,802	18%	606,544	27	34%	80
Port Loko	76,851	12%	615,376	13	14%	95
Tonkolili	126,383	24%	531,435	28	30%	92
WA Rural <sup>1</sup>	124,262	28%	444,270	18	42%	43
WA Urban	288,770	27%	1,055,964	20	36%	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>728,068</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>3,253,589</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>365</b>

\* CHPs and MCHPs in all districts, as well as CHCs in WAU.



## INFRASTRUCTURE AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



The project worked to strengthen IPC and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) standards at the PHUs and in communities, including renovating PHUs infrastructure, building new water wells, boreholes, and waste management structures, and procuring and distributing MME for RMNCH services. All efforts were informed by priorities identified by the MOHS, district health management teams, USAID and the district implementing partners.

**Isha Kamara, the in-charge of Fothaneh Bana MCHP, pumps out water from the newly-constructed, hand-dug well.**

Photo: Joshua Yospy



**Advancing Partners & Communities upgraded medical furniture and equipment, such as this delivery bed at the Murray MI Room health post, in 305 facilities.**

**“Before the USAID project came, this facility lacked a proper delivery room, water and toilet facilities and the building badly needed repairs. Today, I am happy that the building has been renovated. Now we have toilets both outside and inside the delivery room. There is water and light. This really makes work easy for me and my staff.”**

**—Doris Kargbo, maternal and child health aide and in-charge of the Benguima Grass Field MCHP**





**The Benguima Grass Field CHP enjoys a strong facility management committee and community support for its maintenance, after extensive rehabilitation.**

**“Ebola took the lives of almost 4,000 Sierra Leoneans. The health system we build now will not let that happen again. Health facilities will benefit from strengthened water, sanitation, hygiene & infection prevention and control procedures.”**

**—Foday Lahai,  
former Deputy Minister of MOHS**



“And when we get this equipment also, you want to be able to train the staff to use them properly, mentor them in the use of [this] equipment. And it’s gonna make a lot of difference.”

—Tom Sesay,  
district medical officer



**Sally Tamba, a maternal and child health aide with the MOHS, at her health post in Western Area Urban / Looking Town outside Freetown in Sierra Leone.**

Photo: Joshua Yospy

# CAPACITY BUILDING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The project improved access to and quality of RMNCH services, through capacity building, mentoring and supervision for CHPs and MCHPs, complemented by coordinated community engagement, and referrals.

**A health post staff member in Western Area Rural.**

Photo: Joshua Yospyn



**“We are focusing on [rolling out] an enhanced CHW program that will support pregnant women to access services and deliver essential drugs ... to children.”**

**—Dr. Abu Bakarr Fofanah,  
Minister of Health and Sanitation**



**Students learning about decontamination of medical devices sit inside an IPC classroom at the training center run by IMC in Port Loko District, Sierra Leone.**

Photo: Joshua Yospyn





“This USAID Project, through ADRA, has trained us facility management committees [FMCs] on our roles and responsibilities, especially in the area of ownership of the facility.”

—Edward Jussif Kamara, FMC Secretary

**Edward Jussif Kamara, FMC Secretary at Fothaneh Bana MCHP in Tonkolili District, Sierra Leone.**

Photo: Joshua Yospyn



**“We are served well. We are encouraged. At pregnancy, we are taught how to take care of the pregnancy, take care of ourselves, [they] encouraged us till delivery and they deliver us well.”**

**—Isatu Sesay, client**



**Isatu Sesay, a client at Sussex MCHP in Western Area Rural.**

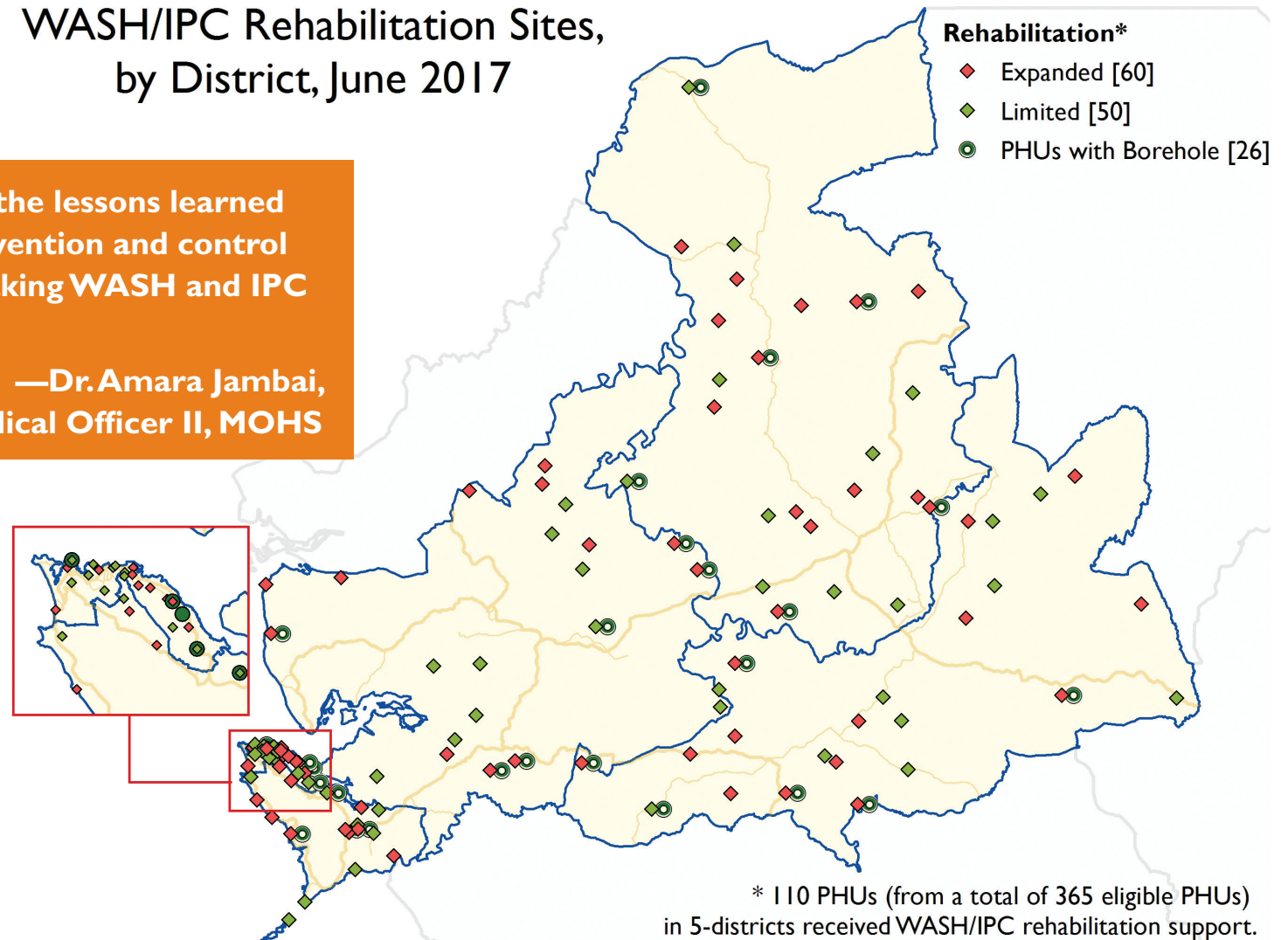
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## ADVANCING PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES, SIERRA LEONE PROGRAM INTERVENTION SITES, BY DISTRICT, 2016

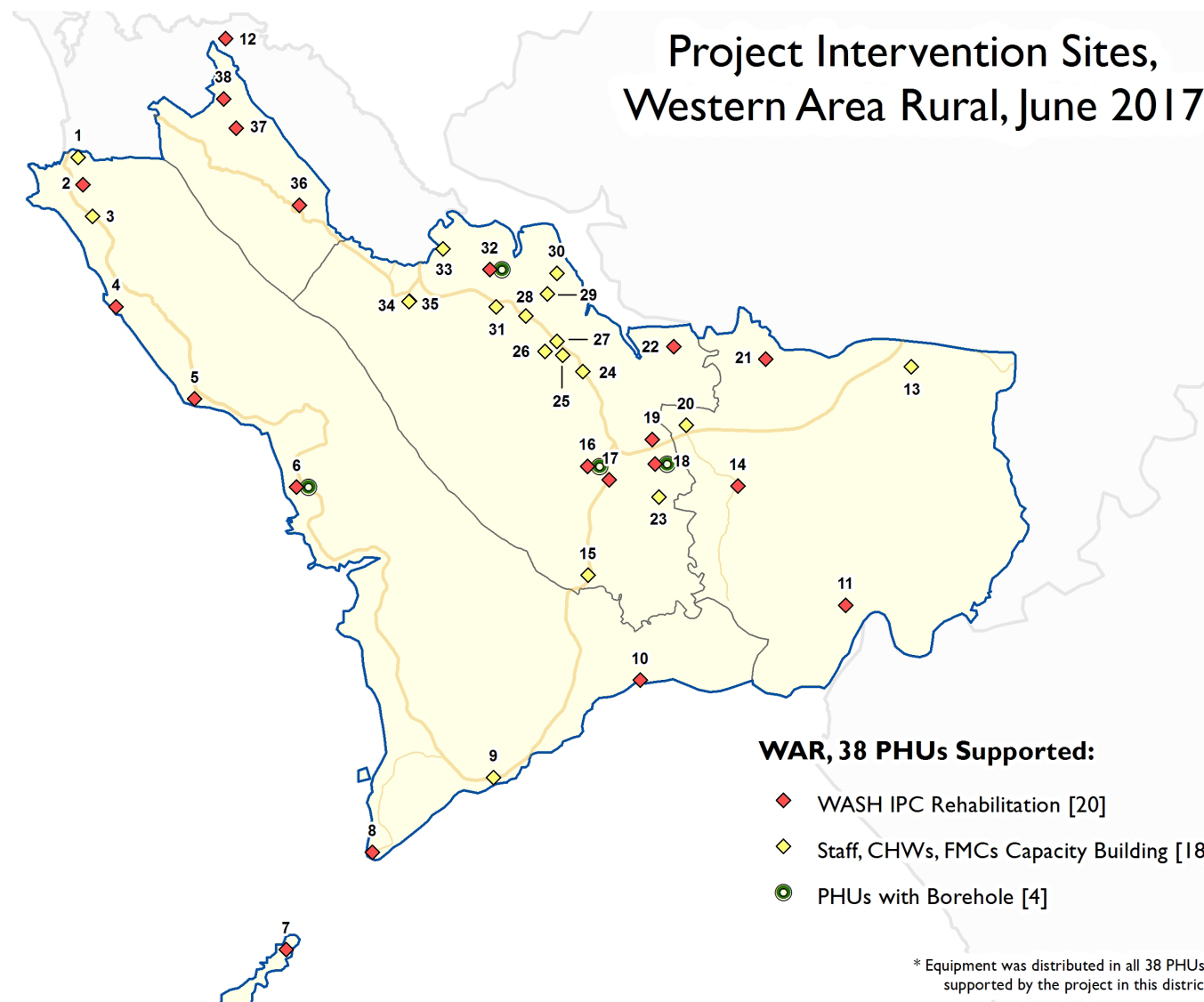
### WASH/IPC Rehabilitation Sites, by District, June 2017

“We need to make sure that the lessons learned during Ebola on infection prevention and control are maintained, and we are taking WASH and IPC as a package.”

—Dr. Amara Jambai,  
Deputy Chief Medical Officer II, MOHS



PHU Name/Type	Number
Mutual Faith MCHP	1
Metchem MCHP	2
Hamilton CHP	4
Sussex MCHP	5
Token MCHP	6
Banana Island MCHP	7
Kent CHP	8
Lion For Lion CHP	9
Tissana MCHP	10
Fogbo CHP	11
Makabeh MCHP	12
Crossing CHP	13
Malambay MCHP	14
Macdonald MCHP	15
Benguima Grassfield MCHP	16
Masorie MCHP	17
Mabureh CHP	18
Lumpa CHP	19
Kissi Tn. CHP	20
Makonkonday MCHP	21
Makada MCHP	22
Campell Tn. MCHP	23
D/E/Water MCHP	24
Swakab CHP	25
Biola Wright Mem. Hosp. MCHP	26
Borah CHP	27
Rokel CHP	28
El Shaddai CHP	29
J/Thorpe MCHP	30
Wind Aapdep CHP	31
Rogbangba MCHP	32
Jui Tect CHP	33
New London MCHP	34
Kosso Tn. MCHP	35
Charlotte CHP	36
Gloucester CHP	37
Leicester CHP	38
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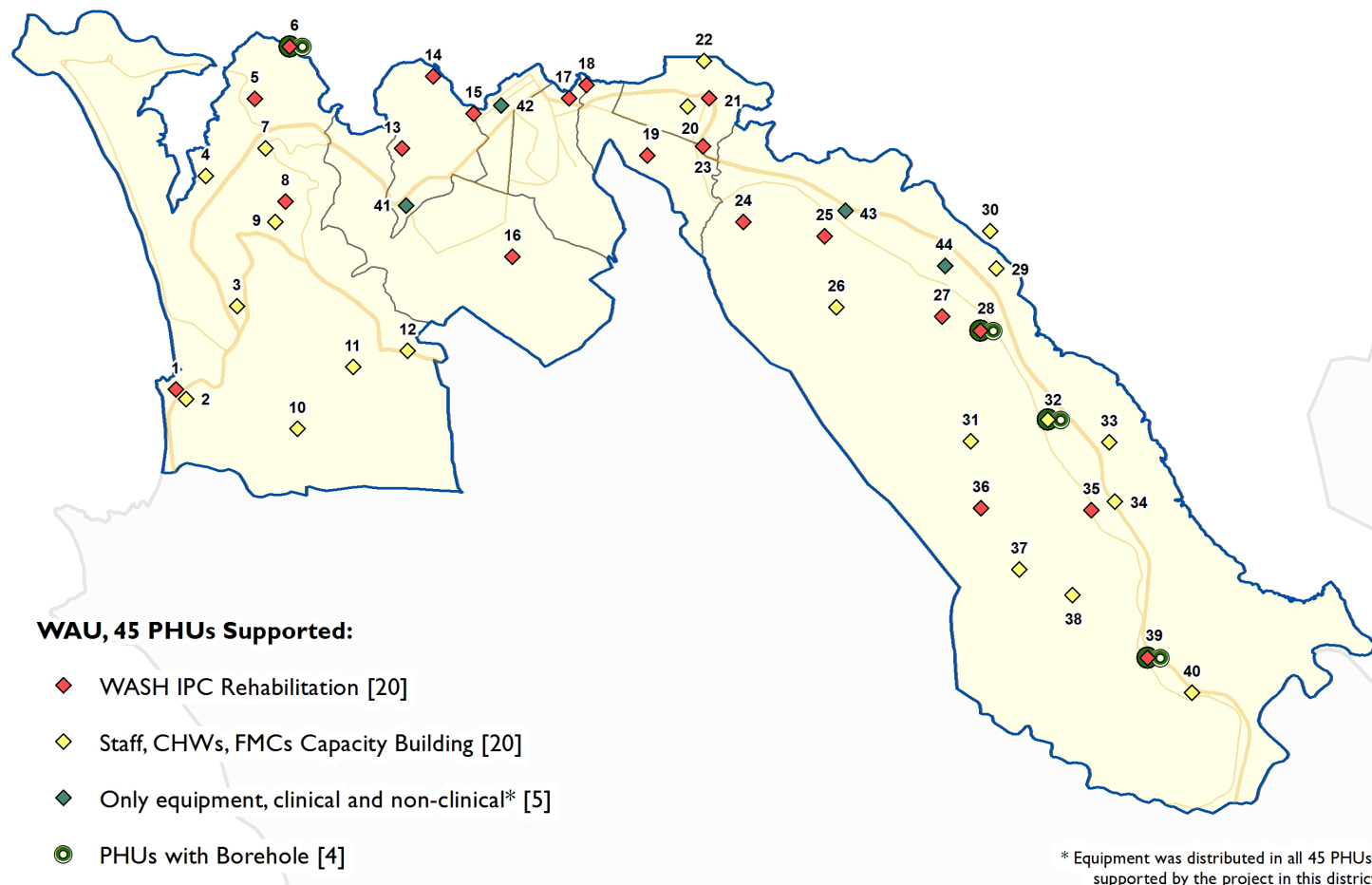




PHU Name/Type	Number
Juber Mi Rm. CHC	1
Stella Maris MCHP	2
Family Clinic CHP	3
Thompson Bay CHP	4
Murray Tn. M I Rm. CHP	5
Murray Town CHC	6
Signal Hill Former Wilb. MCHP	7
Wilberforce CHC	8
Scan Drive MCHP	9
Pace'S CHP	10
Malama MCHP	11
Hill Station CHP	12
Grey Bush CHC	13
Kingtom Police Mi Rm. CHC	14
Kroobay CHC	15
George Brook CHC	16
Susans Bay CHC	17
Mabella CHC	18
Ginger Hall CHC	19
Welbodi MCHP	20
Ross Rd. CHC	21
Pmo CHP	22
J/Wright CHC	23
Moyiba CHC	24
Kissy CHC	25
Looking Tn. MCHP	26
Kuntorloh CHP	27
Approve School CHC	28
Iscon CHP	29
Tasley CHC	30
Philip Street MCHP	31
Wellington CHC	32
Slims CHP	33
Blessed Mokaba CHP	34
Calaba Tn. CHC	35
Koya Tn. CHC	36
Fam. Home Mov. CHP	37
Alkatab Clinic CHP	38
Allen Town CHP	39
Adbangs Quarrey MCHP	40
Haja Nenneh	41
St. Joseph CHC	42
SRC CHC	43
Weslyan CHC	44
Methodist Clinic CHP*	45

\* no GPS available

## Project Intervention Sites, Western Area Urban, June 2017





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