

Kenya

Country Brief

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ICAP ensures the wellness of families and communities by strengthening health systems around the world.

ICAP is committed to partnering with the Government of Kenya through service, education and training, and research projects that support sustainable health systems strengthening and ensure impact towards national health development goals.

Background

In 2006, ICAP began its work in Kenya to support the national response to HIV and adult and pediatric care and treatment in Central province. In partnership with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ICAP partnered with the Ministry of Health (MOH) to rapidly scale-up HIV care and treatment and increase access, improve quality and build HIV program capacity. ICAP then expanded these activities to provide direct implementation support at health facilities in Eastern South and Nyanza regions, scaling up support to over 890 facilities.

ICAP's current portfolio focuses on technical assistance and capacity building for HIV prevention, care and treatment, including HIV testing and counseling, prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), and integrated care for tuberculosis (TB) and HIV, capacity building for nursing and midwifery, and HIV research initiatives.

ICAP's work is supported by a senior team based at Columbia University with technical, clinical, implementation, and research expertise. In Kenya, ICAP's multidisciplinary team of over 170 staff members includes physicians, nurse advisors, monitoring and evaluation experts, operations management, financial and technical advisors, and research staff.

ICAP has received support for its work in Kenya from: bilateral donors, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Current Projects

Supporting the Implementation and Expansion of High Quality HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Activities at the Facility and Community Level in the Republic of Kenya under PEPFAR

With support from the CDC, ICAP is partnering with the MOH to support and expand comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment, PMTCT, TB/HIV services, adherence and psychosocial support, and nurse training in Kenya's Eastern South and Nyanza regions. ICAP works with Country Health Management Teams, provincial medical offices, and hospitals to build their capacity to independently provide high quality HIV services. ICAP also supports VMMC in Siaya, Ugenya, Gem, and Ugunja sub-counties of Nyanza, HIV testing and counseling, and supports Drop-in Centers providing HIV care for key populations. In addition, ICAP is building the technical and organizational capacity of two local NGOs—Ogra Foundation and Matibabu Foundation—to conduct HIV-related trainings and to provide direct support in HIV prevention, care and treatment.

Global Nursing Capacity Building Program (GNCBP)

Through the Global Nurse Capacity Building Program (GNCBP), supported by HRSA, ICAP is working to support and advance the role of nurses and midwives to address essential population-based needs, including HIV and other life-threatening conditions. ICAP also works to strengthen the capacity of nursing leaders to lead and support high-impact quality improvement initiatives. ICAP is working with the MOH, NASCOP, the University of Nairobi, Kenya Medical Training College, nursing council and associations, and faith based health institutions to develop and utilize a curriculum will equip nurse mentors with enhanced clinical teaching skills to provide supportive supervision and assistance to other nurses, ensuring that they can competently provide safe effective and comprehensive HIV care and treatment.



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About ICAP: A global leader in HIV/AIDS and health systems strengthening, ICAP provides technical assistance and implementation support to governments and NGOs in more than 21 countries. ICAP has supported work at more than 3,380 health facilities around the world. More than 1.2 million people have received HIV treatment through ICAP-supported programs.

APHIA Plus Zone 4: Central and Eastern Provinces (APHIAplus KAMILI)

In partnership with JHPIEGO, through support from USAID, ICAP is working to scale up the number of HIV care and treatment facilities in Central and Eastern provinces, support the implementation of quality TB and HIV activities, provide mentorship to health care workers and introduce adherence counseling, and support health system strengthening through training and technical support in HIV management.

Tegemeza: Implementation of High Quality HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment

In partnership with Centre for Health Solutions–Kenya (CHS) through support from the CDC, ICAP provides technical assistance to CHS in the provision of quality HIV care and treatment services for adults and children, integrated TB/HIV activities, PMTCT, and monitoring and evaluation.

Mother and Infant Retention for Health (MIR4Health)

With support from NIH, ICAP is conducting a randomized trial study to compare the effectiveness of active patient follow-up to engage and retain in care newly-identified pregnant HIV-positive women and their infants as compared to the current standard of postpartum care. The package of evidence-based interventions includes health education, phone calls and SMS message appointment reminders, active tracking of patients for linkage and retention, and individualized retention and adherence support. The study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of active patient follow-up compared to standard of care on the combined outcome of retention of both mother and infant at six months postpartum.

Antiretroviral Therapy and Inflammatory and Coagulation Biomarkers: Establishment of a Prospective Cohort Study (ARTIC)

With support from NIH, ICAP is conducting a study to develop a cohort of over six hundred HIV-infected adults who are initiating antiretroviral therapy (ART) in eight health facilities in Nyanza Province to establish a sample bank of plasma and urine samples in order to further the understanding of the association between inflammatory and coagulation biomarkers and HIV-related outcomes.

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