

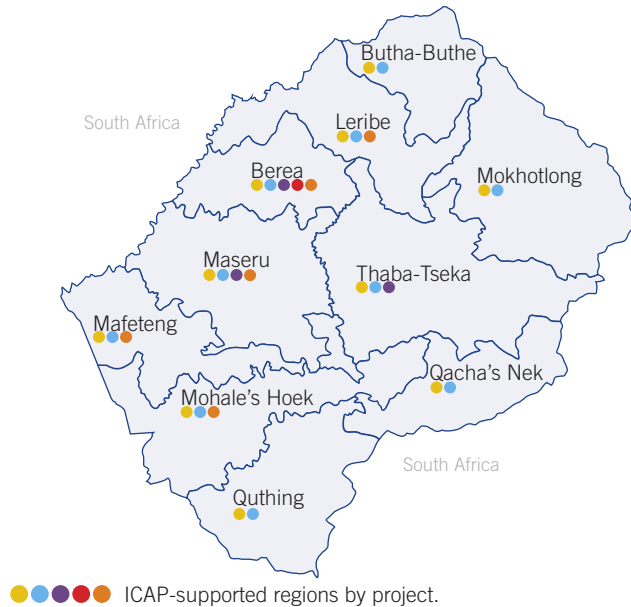


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Lesotho



ICAP's Launch Date in Lesotho

2005

Key Technical Areas

HIV Prevention, Care, and Treatment
Health Management Information Systems
Population-based Surveys
Implementation Science
Monitoring and Evaluation
Nursing and Midwifery

Current Funders

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
National Institute of Health (NIH)
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Current Projects

● Population-based HIV Impact Assessment (PHIA)

ICAP is providing technical assistance and support to Lesotho's Ministry of Health (MOH) to conduct a population-based HIV impact assessment to evaluate HIV prevalence, incidence, and access to prevention, care, and treatment services. The project aims to assess the impact of Lesotho's HIV response at the national level to help guide and target future investments and programs. *(funded by the CDC)*

● Strengthening Strategic Information Activities in the Kingdom of Lesotho under PEPFAR

Through a five-year cooperative agreement, ICAP is partnering with the Ministry of Health to increase system, institutional, and individual capacity in Lesotho for health systems and surveillance. Activities aim to: enhance coordination of Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) and surveillance activities; support the development, implementation, and use of national HMIS; and support the implementation of an electronic medical records system. Additionally, support and training will be provided to the MOH on the coordination of targeted surveillance activities at the national level. *(funded by the CDC)*

● Nursing Education Partnership Initiative (NEPI)

ICAP is working to enhance the capacity of nursing educational institutions in order to increase the number of qualified nurses capable of meeting Lesotho's evolving health needs. The NEPI project aims to improve the quality and relevance of nurse teaching and learning through the introduction of competency-based curricula, innovative learning strategies, academic-service partnerships, and policies and guidelines that support an expanded clinical role for nurses. To successfully meet these aims, ICAP is partnering with the National Department of Health, the National Department of Higher Education, nursing and midwifery schools, educators, professional associations, and professional councils. *(funded by PEPFAR through HRSA)*

● Uptake and Retention during TB Treatment in Lesotho (START)

The START study is a cluster site-randomized trial that aims to evaluate a combination intervention package versus the current standard of care with the goal of improving early antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation and retention rates during TB treatment, as well as TB treatment success, among HIV-infected TB patients in Lesotho. *(funded by USAID)*

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● Accelerating Children's HIV/AIDS Treatment (ACT) Initiative

ICAP is partnering with the Ministry of Health and local organizations in Lesotho to strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems with the aim of improving linkage of pediatric patients to HIV care and treatment services. *(funded by PEPFAR through the CDC)*

Recently Completed Projects

Strengthening TB/HIV Integration under PEPFAR (2009 - 2015)

ICAP collaborated with Lesotho's Ministry of Health to integrate TB and HIV services at every level of the health system, enabling a more coordinated response to the nation's dual TB/HIV epidemic. ICAP supported the development of national-level policies and guidelines, and enhanced capacity at the district and health facility level to implement and scale-up services. *(funded by the CDC)*

Innovative Strategies to Increase Early TB Case Detection among Miners (2013 - 2015)

Through this project, ICAP forged a new public-private partnership between Lesotho's Ministry of Health and The Employment Bureau of Africa (TEBA), the primary agency that recruits men in Lesotho to work in South Africa's mines. The partnership leveraged three high-volume TEBA offices in Maseru, Mafeteng, and Leribe to reach miners and ex-miners—populations with extraordinarily high HIV and TB risk—and their families with much-needed, one-stop health services. *(funded by the Canadian International Development Agency through TB Reach and the World Bank through University Research South Africa)*

Enhanced HIV Prevention in Couples Study (EPIC) (2009 - 2015)

The EPIC research initiative focused on feasibility/acceptability studies and modeling work to inform the design of a future multi-component study for the prevention of HIV transmission in discordant couples in Lesotho. *(funded by NIH)*



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