

# Mozambique

## *Country Brief*

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

### **Background**

In 2004, ICAP began its work in Mozambique to reduce perinatal transmission of HIV and increase access to antiretroviral treatment for HIV-infected women and their families. With support from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ICAP began working in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MOH/MISAU) to scale up HIV prevention, care and treatment, providing national-level technical and operational support to decentralize HIV services in five provinces.

### **Current Projects**

#### **Seasonal PrEP Use Study in Gaza Province**

With support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ICAP is partnering with the World Health Organization and the Employment Bureau of Africa to study the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV acquisition by female partners of miners during periods of increased risk of infection.

ICAP will conduct a feasibility study using quantitative and qualitative methods to assess the knowledge, understanding, and perceptions of PrEP among migrant miners' female partners, miners themselves, and health care providers. The study will explore the willingness of female partners to take periodic PrEP during the time when their partners are visiting home, and will assess possible structural and individual level barriers to accessing PrEP in Gaza Province, Mozambique.

#### **Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health for HIV Services and Program Transition in the Republic of Mozambique under PEPFAR**

With support from the CDC, ICAP provides technical assistance to the MOH and 21 district health directorates in Nampula Province to provide comprehensive, high-quality HIV services in 144 health facilities. ICAP works closely with district-level health authorities to build the capacity of multidisciplinary teams to provide HIV-related services, including adherence and psychosocial support, PMTCT, pediatric HIV care, cervical and breast cancer screening, and prevention of gender-based violence.

#### **Building Mozambican Capacity to Implement Quality HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Treatment Programs in the Republic of Mozambique under PEPFAR**

Through this five-year project, supported by the CDC, ICAP is working to strengthen technical capacity and program management within the MOH and other Mozambican institutions, including NGOs and community-based organizations, to implement HIV-related services. In addition, ICAP is building the capacity of provincial and district health teams to plan and implement HIV programs that maximize limited resources and improve local ownerships and accountability through sub-agreements with provincial health directorates, district directorates, and the Health Sciences Training Institute.

ICAP is working closely with provincial health directorates to roll out VMMC services, including addressing related infrastructure, human resources and training, quality assurance, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) needs supporting the scale up and expansion of services in seven districts of Zambezia province covering 77 health facilities.

### **Technical Assistance for Strategic Information Activities in the Republic of Mozambique**

With support from the CDC, ICAP is providing technical assistance to the MOH and to the Department of Health Information (DIS) to implement priority M&E and surveillance strategies to strengthen national HIV health information systems; streamline, enhance, and integrate existing M&E tools; and support data dissemination. The scope of work includes ongoing public health evaluations with sentinel cohorts of patients enrolled in HIV care and treatment services and an assessment of ways to improve access to PMTCT. ICAP also supports capacity building of providers and managers at all levels of the health systems to use SI for evidence-based planning and performance management.

### **USAID/MSPH/ISCISA Management Education Partnership**

Through this three-year project, supported by USAID, ICAP and the Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH) are partnering with the Instituto Superior de Ciencias de Saude (ISCISA) to create an accredited health care management and administration (HMA) degree program. This partnership focuses on curriculum development, institutional learning and development, and knowledge and skills transfer through active learning and direct mentorship by MSPH faculty.

### **Global Nurse 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 collaborates with the MOH to update and advance nursing policy and planning, professional regulation, pre-education, and professional practice. ICAP's also building the capacity of key nursing institutions, including the MOH's Department of Nursing, the Mozambican National Nursing Association (ANEMO), and the Mozambican Association of Midwifery (APARMO).

### **Engage4Health**

Funded by USAID, this site-randomized implementation science study compares the effectiveness of a combination of interventions versus the current standard of care in linking and retaining newly-diagnosed HIV patients in care and treatment in Inhambane Province and Maputo City. The goal is to show that a combination of interventions will be more effective in mitigating the multiple barriers HIV-positive patients face when moving from diagnosis to treatment.

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