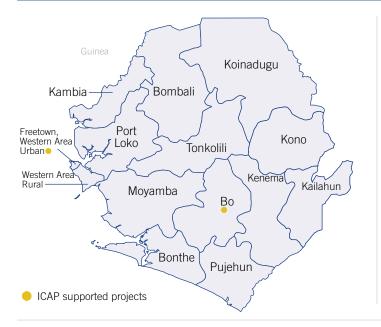


# **Sierra Leone**



#### **Program Start**

2014

#### **Key Technical Areas**

Health Systems Strengthening Monitoring and Evaluation Quality Improvement Nursing

#### **Current Funders**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

# **Current Projects**

# Expanding Efforts and Strategies to Protect and Improve Public Health Globally

ICAP is partnering with Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) to strengthen health systems in the wake of the Ebola epidemic of 2014-2015. This scope of work includes:

- Providing technical assistance on monitoring and evaluation to the National Infection Prevention and Control Unit at the MOHS
- Supporting the development of quality assurance and quality improvement (QI) capacity, including a portfolio of diverse activities, including providing QI training, and support for multiple QI projects
- Conducting infection prevention and control and malaria program evaluations
- Partnering with the MOHS Nursing Directorate to support the development of pre-service nursing curricula and continuing professional development

These activities are aligned with the USG Global Health Security agenda, and will support medium- and long-term health systems strengthening to more effectively prevent, detect, respond to, and control future EVD and other infectious disease health threats. (funded by the CDC)

# **Recently Completed Projects**

#### Action for Effective Ebola Response in Sierra Leone: Rapid Evaluation of Community Care Centers (2014 - 2015)

ICAP conducted a rapid assessment of 11 Ebola community care centers located across six districts—Bo, Bombali, Kambia, Koinadugu, Port Loko, and Western Area—to assess the safety, effectiveness, acceptability, and operational feasibility of the centers, where patients with symptoms suggestive of Ebola receive care and support as they await diagnosis and transfer to Ebola treatment units or referral for other medical services.

ICAP developed a 168-item site assessment survey to gather information on patient flow, laboratory services, on-site standard operating protocols, and other key operational areas of the community care centers. ICAP's team also conducted nearly 60 in-depth interviews with national and district-level stakeholders, site staff, and community members to assess knowledge and attitudes about community care centers. (funded by UK Department for International Development - DFID)

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