**Background**

ICAP began its work in Sierra Leone in 2014, partnering with the Government of Sierra Leone to conduct an evaluation of the Community Care Centers established as part of the nation's Ebola outbreak response. With funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ICAP is now expanding on this work and supporting the Ministry of Health’s efforts to strengthen key health systems that will enable a more effective response to current and future infectious disease outbreaks.

**Current Projects**

**Expanding Efforts and Strategies to Protect and Improve Public Health Globally**
Funded by the CDC, ICAP is partnering with Sierra Leone’s Ministry of Health and the National Ebola Response Center to support an immediate response to address the EVD outbreak, as well as medium- and long-term health systems strengthening to more effectively prevent, detect, respond to, and control future EVD and other infectious disease health threats.

Through this project, ICAP will provide expert technical assistance at the national and district level on infection prevention and control, strategic information systems, and quality improvement.

**Completed Projects**

**Action for Effective Ebola Response in Sierra Leone: Rapid Evaluation of Community Care Centers**
With funding from UK Department for International Development (DFID), 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.