

Tanzania

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 Tanzania through service, education and training, and research projects that support sustainable health systems strengthening and ensure impact towards national health development goals.

Background

In 2004, ICAP began its work in Tanzania to support the rapid scale-up of HIV care and treatment and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT). With support from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), ICAP expanded its work, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MOHSW), to build broad capacity for comprehensive HIV/AIDS services at the national level and in Kagera, Kigoma, and Pwani regions, as well as in Zanzibar.

ICAP's current portfolio focuses on support for program implementation and capacity building in support of the national HIV prevention, care and treatment programs, including voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), integrated tuberculosis/HIV care, and services for key populations, such as sex workers, men who have sex with men, and people who inject drugs. ICAP also conducts HIV research in Tanzania.

ICAP's work is supported by a senior team based at Columbia University with technical, clinical, implementation, and research expertise. In Tanzania, ICAP's multidisciplinary team of over 100 staff members includes physicians, nurses, psychologists, laboratory technicians, monitoring and evaluation experts, operations managers, financial officers, technical advisors, and research personnel.

ICAP has received support for its work in Tanzania from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Current Projects

Implementation of Programs for the Prevention, Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in the Republic of Tanzania under PEPFAR (Endeleza Project)

Through this five-year project, supported by the CDC, ICAP is collaborating with the Ministries of Health of Tanzania and Zanzibar to build capacity to expand HIV prevention, care and treatment services at all levels of the health system, including psychosocial support to people living with HIV, VMMC and HIV prevention for key populations, including people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, and sex workers. ICAP partners with a network of regional hospitals, laboratories, and primary health facilities in Kagera, Kigoma, Pwani, Mtwara, and Lindi mainland regions and Zanzibar Island to integrate effective and sustainable services.

Improving Care and Treatment for TB/HIV Co-infected Children through the Establishment of Comprehensive Pediatric TB/HIV Activities in Tanzania under PEPFAR

Through this five-year project, supported by the CDC, ICAP is strengthening local policy and institutional capacity to provide high-quality integrated tuberculosis and HIV pediatric care. At the site level, ICAP is collaborating with Kinondoni and Bukoba Municipalities, establishing TB Centers of Excellence at the Mwananyamala Hospital in Dar es Salaam and at Bukoba Hospital in Kagera Region. These centers of excellence and their satellite health facilities provide a comprehensive package of services for diagnosis of tuberculosis and specialized management of TB/HIV for co-infected children.

Technical Assistance in Support of HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment and Other Infectious Diseases that Impact HIV-Infected Patients in Tanzania (UTAP2 Tanzania)

Through this five-year project, supported by the CDC, ICAP is providing technical assistance to support implementation of male circumcision (VMMC) services as part of a comprehensive package of HIV prevention activities in Kagera Region, including 20 islands in Lake Victoria.

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.

ICAP works directly with Kagera Regional Hospital, Rubya Designated District Hospital, and with the Muleba District. Through the national Technical Working Group on VMMC, ICAP is assisting with the development of assessment tools for monitoring and evaluation, and materials for information, education and communication.

Technical Assistance in Support of HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment and Other Infectious Diseases that Impact HIV-Infected Patients in Tanzania (UTAP2 Atlanta)

With support from CDC, ICAP is conducting research to examine the feasibility of providing health care workers in TB care facilities with enhanced HIV prevention training with an emphasis on partner-focused HIV testing and counseling and to examine the potential effects on partner HIV testing and linkage to care.

Technical Assistance Services to Countries Supported by the President's Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Through ICAP's Global Technical Assistance Project, funded by the CDC, ICAP is supporting the MOHSW and National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) to improve provider-initiated HIV testing and counseling (PITC) among pediatric populations in the Simiyu and Geita regions in Tanzania. ICAP is collaborating with local implementing partners in these regions to implement a quality improvement (QI) collaborative at high-yield pediatric facilities to improve PITC coverage and linkage to treatment of infected children. ICAP is providing technical assistance in pediatric PITC and QI collaborative methodology to implementing partners; facilitating ongoing communication amongst the collaborative partners; and documenting successes and challenges to inform future strategic planning. ICAP is also working to build NACP capacity to transition program management in select regions.

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