ICAP AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Transforming the health of populations through innovation, research, and global collaboration

ICAP’S APPROACH
ICAP touches every part of the health system wherever it works, addressing challenges in health governance, human resources, health financing, infrastructure, laboratory services, supply chain and pharmacy services, clinical services, and health information. ICAP supports:

SERVICE AND PROGRAMS
Large-scale, evidence-based health programs that improve services for HIV prevention, care, and treatment; tuberculosis; malaria; COVID-19, non-communicable diseases; reproductive health; and maternal and child health. ICAP works at every level of the health system, collaborating with national governments, district health management teams, individual health facilities, non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions to strengthen health systems and improve patient outcomes.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Human resources development is central to ICAP’s approach to health systems strengthening. Our diverse training and mentoring programs enhance the skills of nurses, doctors, laboratorians, lay health workers, and health managers with the goal of addressing critical gaps in human resources for health.

RESEARCH
Situated at a world-renowned university, ICAP is at the forefront of research to improve the delivery of HIV and TB prevention, care, and treatment services. ICAP designs, implements, manages, and monitors a range of innovative implementation science and research studies.

IMPACT MEASUREMENT
ICAP works with its partners to ensure that countries are able to detect, characterize, and monitor changes in population-level health. ICAP equips ministries of health for evidence-based decision making through efforts to strengthen data quality and implement health information systems that facilitate data analysis. We are a leader in implementing surveys to generate top-level HIV statistics and measure biobehavioral markers for a fuller understanding of the HIV epidemic in each context.

HISTORY
Founded in 2003 at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, ICAP delivers transformative solutions to strengthen health systems in almost 40 countries.

ICAP’S TEAM
ICAP is led by founder and director Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr, who directs a global team of over 2,600 staff, including physicians, nurses, monitoring and evaluation officers, operations management, financial and technical advisors, and researchers. ICAP’s projects are guided by leaders with extensive technical, clinical, implementation, and research expertise and with decades of global health experience.

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ICAP BY THE NUMBERS
As a result of ICAP’s support:

47.6M People have been tested for HIV, including 11.1M pregnant women

8M People living with HIV have been screened for TB

2.3M People have received HIV treatment at ICAP-supported health facilities

>380K Health workers trained

>5.6K Laboratories supported

CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2022

ICAP’S EXPERTISE
ICAP works at every level of the health system, collaborating with national governments, district health management teams, and individual health facilities—and partnering with educational institutions and NGOs—to strengthen the health system. ICAP helps local partners tackle pressing health threats by providing:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Leveraging its experienced staff, ICAP delivers tailored technical assistance to in-country partners, working with them to apply the latest knowledge and evidence-based practices to improve health outcomes. This includes national policy development, supportive supervision, clinical mentorship, and quality improvement collaboratives.

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT
ICAP provides hands-on operational and project support to ministries of health and other partners, supporting planning, budgeting, health service delivery, monitoring and evaluation.

CAPACITY-BUILDING
Central to ICAP’s approach is building systemwide, institutional, and individual capacity, to ensure sustainable outcomes. ICAP’s capacity-building approaches include training and mentoring health workers, institutional twinning, and developing and transferring contextually-appropriate systems and process.

THOUGHT AND INNOVATION LEADERSHIP
ICAP is led by a team of distinguished researchers and health professionals who are recognized in-country and globally as subject matter experts. ICAP informs global health policy through its peer-reviewed publications and its participation in the world’s preeminent health bodies, from the World Health Organization to the National Institutes of Health. ICAP’s country-based staff combine technical expertise with unsurpassed experience implementing programs, combining best practices with in-depth knowledge of the local context in order to develop effective state-of-the-art programs.