Angola is working to strengthen its national health infrastructure to address pressing challenges in HIV, tuberculosis, and sexual and reproductive health. ICAP is providing technical assistance at selected health facilities in four provinces to strengthen HIV testing, care, and treatment, with particular emphasis on preventing mother-to-child transmission and advanced HIV/TB program integration for seamless, effective service provision.

In addition, with ICAP’s support, Angola is developing its national health information system so decision-makers can recognize trends to direct resources where most needed.
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Targeted Programmatic Support Across Countries under the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

ICAP is providing direct technical assistance to 22 health facilities to improve sustainable clinical practices, including HIV care and treatment – with special emphasis on PMTCT – and strengthen systems to monitor and evaluate their quality and effectiveness.

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Resolved Programs

Resolve to Save Lives
ICAP supported COVID-19 infection prevention and control activities in 30 health facilities in nine municipalities of Angola’s Luanda Province. With support from ICAP headquarters, activities included the development of a training set of modules on topics such as the use of personal protective equipment, PPE, setting up of triage stations, and the identification of potentially infected individuals. This project was funded by Vital Strategies.

ICAP supported COVID-19 emergency operations and infection prevention and control activities in Angola. This included the implementation of a SARS-CoV-2 virologic and serologic surveillance in the country’s capital, Luanda.

Angola RIM QIC Project
ICAP collaborated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Angolan National Institute for the Fight against AIDS (INLS) to design and implement a new quality improvement collaborative (QIC) innovation, called the Rapid Improvement Model (RIM). RIM is designed to accelerate the proven QIC approach by leveraging thoughtful selection of quality challenges, careful planning, a toolkit of pre-existing standardized QI instruments, and close follow-up to shorten the QIC timeframe to 6-8 months.

Global Technical Assistance
ICAP supported the Angolan AIDS National Institute (INLS) and two high-volume health facilities in Luanda to improve sustainable clinical and monitoring systems that can deliver, monitor, and evaluate high-quality HIV services.