ICAP’s approach to improving HIV care and treatment in Burundi focuses on working with local partners and networks to strengthen health systems and improve access to high-quality service delivery. Supporting the Ministry of Health and national partners to optimize the way health services are managed and delivered will have promising outcomes for HIV epidemic control in the country.
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Reaching Impact, Saturation, and Epidemic Control (RISE)

RISE is a 5-year global project designed to help countries achieve a shared vision of attaining and maintaining epidemic control, with stronger local partners capable of managing and achieving results with direct funding, and sustainable, self-reliant, and resilient health systems by 2024. RISE’s contributions to this work will lead to decreased HIV-related morbidity and mortality and decreased numbers of new HIV infections, and increased quality of life for PLHIV and decreased numbers of people at risk for acquiring HIV.

In Burundi, RISE’s goal is to close the performance gaps across the HIV clinical cascade and to maintain program achievements while supporting four provinces including Kirundo, Ngozi, Kayanza, and Bujumbura Marie to be better positioned to graduate from PEPFAR support through reinforcing local ownership and sustainable results and contributing to overall stronger country-led HIV/AIDS programs at provincial level.

The CQUIN Project for Differentiated Service Delivery

The HIV Coverage, Quality, and Impact Network (CQUIN) is a multi-country learning network designed to accelerate the implementation of high-quality differentiated service delivery for HIV. CQUIN’s goal is to increase the number of people living with HIV initiating and sustaining highly effective HIV treatment with sustained viral suppression. Burundi joined the CQUIN network in July 2020.

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COVID-19 Capacity Building Project

This multi-country emergency response training initiative used a combination of distance learning and a “hub and spoke” model to support and train district-level stakeholders to cascade training to primary health care facilities. The training also prepared front-line health care workers for the COVID-19 response. This competency-based and results-driven initiative ensured coverage of key concepts and experiential learning principles to enhance the capacity of hospital-based IPC focal points to comply with IPC standards in selected facilities. The project involved rapid training on COVID-19-related IPC, skills building and mentorship, and supportive supervision for IPC QI projects, as well as the provision of personal protective equipment.

ICAP supported the training of 374 health care workers in 308 facilities in 17 districts with five provinces through this activity.