

Innovative. Flexible. Evidence-Based. Supporting the Next Stage of the HIV Epidemic Response

Remarkable progress has been made in the fight against the global HIV epidemic. As countries strive to reach the UNAIDS 90:90:90 targets, the focus is on achieving sustainable epidemic control.

Optimizing Momentum Toward Sustainable Epidemic Control (OpCon) is a global initiative led by ICAP at Columbia University and funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). OpCon is designed to support innovative, flexible and high-impact projects that contribute to improved HIV program outcomes, equity, efficiency and sustainability.

OpCon can assist countries in addressing the challenges they face in reaching epidemic control, sustaining achievements, and exploring innovations to measure progress.



**We're on the path to
sustainable control
It's time to optimize
the response**

An Unrivaled Global Platform

The ICAP-led OpCon Consortium includes 13 U.S. and in-country organizations that collectively have the expertise, experience, capacity, and reliability to work in all PEPFAR-supported countries with deep contextual knowledge.

OpCon will also leverage the consortium's large existing network of global, regional, and country-level partnerships with government agencies, educational institutions, regulatory bodies, civil society groups, multilateral organizations, U.S. government-funded programs, implementing partners, and other key stakeholders. As needed, ICAP will draw upon the other resources at Columbia University, and wide-ranging academic expertise in health professional education and training, workforce support, and new media teaching and learning.

Year 1 Projects

In partnership with HRSA, CDC, Ministries of Health and local partners, ICAP conceptualized, planned, and launched the following projects:

Côte d'Ivoire: An analysis of out of pocket (OOP) spending by patients on antiretroviral therapy (ART) in Côte d'Ivoire. The OpCon consortium partner for this project is RTI International and local partners include MOH and *Santé Espoir Vie Côte d'Ivoire* (SEV-CI).

Mozambique: A pilot project to design a machine learning application to predict patients at high risk of default in Mozambique. The OpCon consortium partner for this project is Dimagi and the local partner is MOH.

South Africa: Development of a protocol for an evaluation of South Africa's "surge" support for ward-based primary health care outreach teams.

Zambia: A formative evaluation of HIV self-testing amongst adolescent girls and young women in Zambia. Local partners for this project include MOH and the Center for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), which is also an OpCon consortium partner.

Zimbabwe: A discrete choice experiment to evaluate preferences for differentiated service delivery models amongst people living with HIV in urban Zimbabwe. Local partners for this project include MoHCC and the National Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS (ZNNP+).

The Consortium

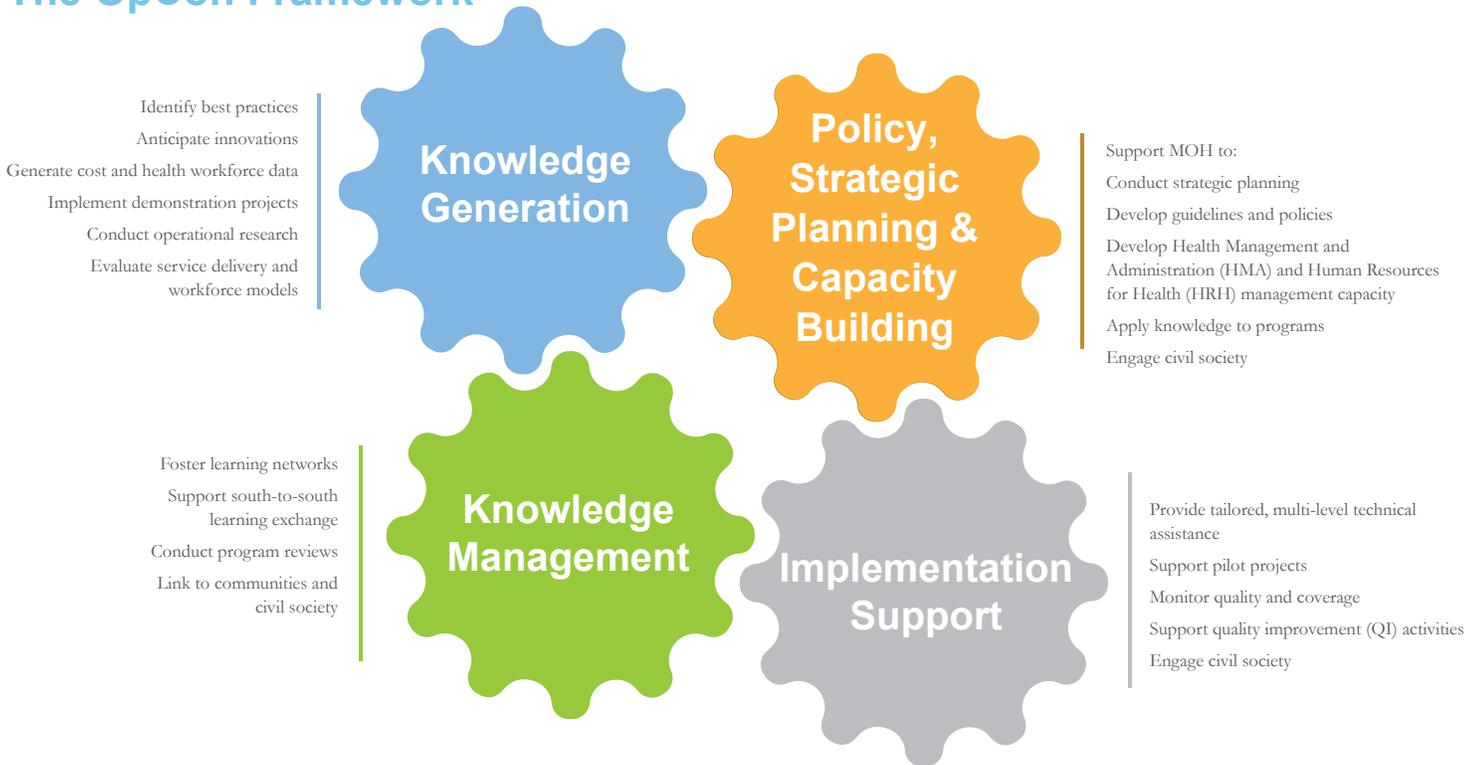
ICAP at Columbia University

- The Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) in Kenya
- The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) in Uganda
- The African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth) in Ghana
- The Biomedical Research and Training Institute (BRTI) in Zimbabwe
- The Center for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ)
- The Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Dimagi Inc.
- The International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC)
- The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Tanzania
- Partners in Health (PIH)
- RTI International (RTI)
- Santé Espoir Vie Côte d'Ivoire (SEV-CI)

OpCon | Prioritizing Transition, Filling the Gaps

Through a comprehensive matrix of support activities, OpCon brings unique solutions to countries seeking to attain long-term epidemic control -- from determining the most effective delivery systems for a particular population, region, or country, to transforming the latest scientific breakthroughs into sustainable service delivery models, to improving health workforce capacity and beyond.

The OpCon Framework



What Can OpCon Accomplish?

Address Challenges at Every Level

OpCon projects will provide strategically targeted, multilevel technical assistance across health system domains: service delivery, health workforce, information systems, medical products and technologies, financing, and leadership and governance.

Build Capacity for the Long Haul

OpCon supported teams will work with ministries of health to transfer skills and establish environments that support improved performance, maintain quality, and promote the sustainability of programs.

Deliver the Highest Return on Investment

OpCon partners will bring their expertise to assist with costing analysis and modeling, enabling countries to make informed choices that will yield the greatest impact on epidemic control.

Identify New Sources of Support

OpCon partners will support ministries of health to explore promising models for engaging the nonprofit and private sectors to expand coverage and assure quality of HIV-related services.

Make Quality a Priority

OpCon partners will leverage their expertise and experience to support quality improvement and quality assessment.

Point the Way to Policies that Matter

OpCon is poised to translate scientific, clinical, programmatic, and policy breakthroughs into innovations that enhance program quality, efficiency, and sustainability. OpCon will support ministries of health to develop or adapt policies, guidelines, strategies, and plans based on new discoveries.



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