



# RWANDA

For more than 25 years, IntraHealth has collaborated with the government of Rwanda and local partners to meet the country's need for high-quality health services by training health workers and strengthening the systems that support them.

Together, we've established decentralized health services that engage communities in defining and ensuring the quality of their care. With IntraHealth's support, the Rwanda Ministry of Health is developing a culture of data analysis and use that improves planning related to the health workforce and the delivery of high-quality care to clients.

Our programs in Rwanda bring high-quality services closer to communities who need them, including services for:

- Family planning
- Maternal & newborn care
- Pediatric care
- Malaria prevention & treatment
- Nutrition education
- Gender-based violence
- Safe surgery in family planning & obstetrics
- COVID-19.

## Ingobyi (2018–2023)

Through our USAID-funded Ingobyi Activity, IntraHealth leads a consortium that collaborates with the Rwanda Ministry of Health to **reduce preventable infant and maternal deaths**, reduce the incidence of **malaria**, and bring high-quality, **integrated health services** to Rwandan mothers, children, and adolescents in 20 districts. Through a variety of high-impact interventions, the Ingobyi Activity:

- Strengthens health worker competencies through **clinical mentorship & low-dose, high-frequency training**.
- Trains & mentors health workers on administering long-term & short-term **family planning methods** & counsels clients on the importance of family planning.



Increased uptake of post-partum family planning in facilities we support from 51% in FY19 to 71% in FY22



Increased antenatal care coverage in facilities we support from 33% in FY19 to 44% in FY22



Reduced under-five mortality in facilities we support from 838 in FY19 to 552 in FY22

- Improves **infection prevention & control** in health facilities.
- Prevents & manages **obstetric fistula**.
- **Promotes health-seeking behavior** through strategic social & behavior change.
- Engages communities to improve health care quality through the **Citizen Voice & Action approach**.
- Develops **eLearning** opportunities for community health workers.
- **Mitigates the impact of COVID-19** on health services for malaria & maternal, newborn, & child health.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ingobyi team has partnered with the Ministry of Health to make sure health workers have the supplies and training they need to keep their communities safe. Together we:

- Trained 280 health workers on **COVID-19 case management and care** in 26 hospitals.
- Partnered with **10 radio stations** to disseminate messages about COVID-19, malaria, & maternal, newborn, & child health.
- Trained 514 health workers at 25 supported district hospitals to accurately screen clients for **noncommunicable diseases** & link positive COVID-19 individuals to the national vaccination program.
- Provided the Rwanda Ministry of Health with advisors during nationwide **mass COVID-19 vaccination** campaigns to help plan, coordinate, & supervise the national vaccination activities.
- Renovated eight **COVID-19 isolation facilities** & equipped them with the items they need to manage critically ill patients.
- Repurposed the Ebola call center to serve as an **emergency hotline** for COVID-19 information & staffed the call center to provide information for the 84,000 calls per week during the first nationwide lockdown.
- Procured 500+ pieces of **equipment** health facilities needed, including digital blood pressure machines, ICU beds, oxygen cylinders, infusion pumps, & more.
- Trained 859 hospital staff on **infection prevention & control**. They then cascaded the trainings to 325 health center managers, who in turn trained 3,378 health center staff.

## MOMENTUM Safe Surgery in Family Planning and Obstetrics (2020 – 2025)

As a core partner to EngenderHealth, IntraHealth strengthens surgical safety in Rwanda by **training health workers**, promoting **evidence-based approaches**, and testing **new innovations**. Working in all 20 Ingobyi Activity-supported districts, including 26 hospitals and 325 health centers, the project:

- Makes cesarean deliveries safer by **training & preparing health workers** to perform these surgeries.
- Provides **clinical mentorship** by pairing experienced anesthetists with less-experienced anesthetists.
- Conducts **situational analyses** to determine hospitals' readiness to provide safe surgery.
- Provides active **follow-up care** to pregnant women with previous cesarean surgeries.
- Increases access to **fistula repair** surgery.
- Addresses **gender-based social norms** & power inequalities at all levels of the health system that prevent women, men, boys, and girls from realizing their full & equal rights to high-quality sexual & reproductive health services.

## Past Projects & Funders

- [Twubakane Decentralization and Health Program](#) (USAID)
- [HIV/AIDS Clinical Services Program](#) (USAID)
- [Capacity Project](#) (USAID)
- [PRIME II](#) (USAID)
- HIV Performance-Based Financing Project (USAID)
- East African Community Global Health Supply Chain Professional Portal (KfW)
- [Enhancing Client Access by Integrating Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Services in Rwanda](#) (Tides Africa Fund)
- Expanding Rwanda's Commitment to the Population, Family Planning, and Reproductive Health Program (William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)
- [The Rwandan Adolescent Reproductive Health Initiative](#) (David and Lucile Packard Foundation)

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