

# Partnership for Health

## INTERNATIONAL HEALTH



The International Health capability area develops policies and manages programs that promote peace through cooperation with key partners providing direct health care and health sector development internationally.

### MAJOR OPERATIONAL AREAS INCLUDE:

- ★ Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction Operations
- ★ Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief
- ★ Health Sector Development
- ★ Military Health System representation/coordination
- ★ International and global health initiatives
- ★ NATO medical activities
- ★ International Committee of Military Medicine
- ★ Visits of foreign dignitaries/delegations with Health Affairs leadership

As part of our larger Partnership for Health, Force Health Protection and Readiness (FHP&R) is committed to meeting the needs of our key audiences:

- ★ Service members and families
- ★ Military leadership
- ★ Health care providers and planners

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The US military has a long history of providing health care to people in under developed areas and conflict zones. DoD provided large scale services in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict, with far-reaching benefits for all involved. The skills developed by Special Forces medics during this period founded a tradition of health care assistance that continues around the world.

The International Health capability is dedicated to the application of health development methodology - from DoD, non-governmental organizations, to universities and others - to prevent conflict, enhance sustainability and improve health and healthcare independence throughout the global community. DoD brings dedicated professionals, heavy lift and logistics, organizational skills and an unparalleled ability to work in dangerous, remote, devastated and hostile areas. As DoD prepares to defend US interests abroad, it is equally vital to use its resources to foster stability and security.

The International Health capability area includes:

### **STABILITY, SECURITY, TRANSITION & RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS**

DoD assigns Stability, Security, Transition & Reconstruction Operations (SSTRO) the same importance in planning and resourcing as it assigns to other operations. International Health develops health-related SSTRO policy for DoD, and works with relevant US agencies, foreign governments, global and regional international organizations, US and foreign non-governmental organizations, academics, and private

sector individuals and for-profit companies to improve health conditions and enhance stability worldwide. Recognizing the unparalleled expertise of many of these organizations in their specialty disciplines and geographic regions, International Health serves as a facilitator for their efforts.

### **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF**

International Health works closely with partners to facilitate humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations by providing situational analysis, assistance and relief effort coordination and resources.

### **HEALTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

Health sector development is an important focus of International Health. The objective is to assist developing countries to build their health sectors, in accordance with the host nation's vision.

The health sector development plan is coordinated after careful analysis of the host nation's plans, capabilities currently in country and gaps in native capabilities. The plan is executed with the assistance of additional partners who have the ability and expertise to fulfill previously unmet needs. Developing a nation's health sector fosters long term stability and sustainability within a region.



## **MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM REPRESENTATION & COORDINATION**

International Health represents the Military Health System (MHS) in international and global health initiatives, coordinates Health Affairs (HA) or MHS representation on medical activities of NATO and the International Committee of Military Medicine and coordinates visits of foreign dignitaries/delegations with HA leadership.

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