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The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU's) Center for Global Health Engagement (CGHE) is pleased to share the eleventh issue of the Department of Defense Global Health Engagement (DoD GHE) Snapshot. The DoD GHE Snapshot is intended to create self-publishing opportunities for GHE professionals to share knowledge and experiences and learn from one another in real time. We hope you enjoy and please refer to our social media and website for real time updates.

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Are you gearing up for a DoD GHE activity? You might have crafted a concept that has been approved and funded. Maybe you have been assigned to support a project devised by another team, or you could be contributing to the planning process as a subject matter expert in various capacities. Regardless of the situation, addressing several questions can streamline the process. By contemplating these questions and formulating responses, we enhance our ability to plan and prepare for a successful outcome.

Before we proceed with the questions, consider your particular role with respect to the program or engagement activity in question. If you work at an operational level, maybe as a GHE practitioner at a Geographic Combatant Command (CCMD), you likely hold a position to both develop proposals and guide planning processes in order to effectively carry out a program or activity. Maybe you are able to assign a subordinate unit to carry out the activity with minimal involvement once the task has been delegated. Conversely, you may have been tasked with planning, preparing, and executing a project with little involvement from the assigning authority. Regardless of your specific role, considering and potentially answering some questions will help inform and facilitate the process to plan, prepare, and execute the program or activity. If the answers are not immediately apparent, seek assistance from higher levels of authority. The Subject Matter Experts at the USU Center for Global Health Engagement are also eager to support. A key takeaway to remember is that you are not alone in this undertaking.

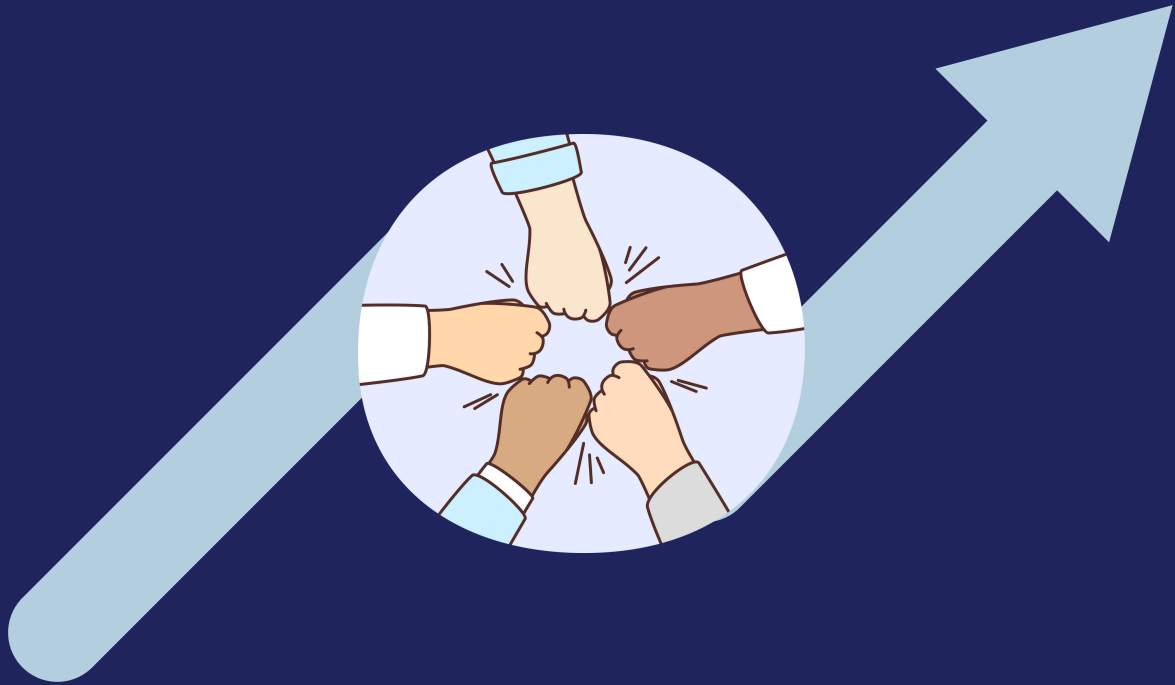
HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CONTEMPLATE IN THIS CONTEXT:

- 01** *Why are we considering this activity?*
- 02** *How does it align with strategies and policy goals?*
- 03** *What is the overarching purpose of the activity?*
- 04** *How was the activity developed?*
- 05** *What stakeholders should be involved in helping plan this activity?*
- 06** *Who is the activity designed to serve?*
- 07** *What is the current stage of the activity?*
- 08** *What specific impact will your activity have?*
- 09** *What are the immediate, intermediate, and long-term outcomes expected from the activity?*
- 10** *What resources are necessary to implement the activity?*
- 11** *What assumptions need to hold true for an activity to achieve success?*
- 12** *How will success be assessed or measured?*
- 13** *To whom should activity results be reported?*



CONCLUSION

While answering these questions cannot guarantee success, it will enable and facilitate a well-planned GHE activity, a well-informed and prepared GHE team, and ideally, a well-executed and purposeful outcome. Stay tuned for future postings to continue the discussion to facilitate effective planning and execution in DoD GHE activities.



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