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US AIR FORCE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS

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US AIR FORCE GLOBAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT

The US Department of Defense (DoD) executes Global Health Engagement (GHE) programs and activities with allies and partners to build trust and confidence, share information, build partner capabilities and capacity, and increase interoperability. The International Health Specialist (IHS) Program develops Total Force Airmen ready to support DoD priorities through engagement with partner nations. The IHS program includes more than 400 Airmen recognized as having special experience, and personnel in more than 60 full-time positions at strategic, operational, and tactical command levels who plan and execute GHE operations, activities, and investments.

IHS CORE COMPETENCIES



STRATEGIC

IHS personnel develop GHE programs and activities in alignment with Geographic Combatant Commands' Campaign Plans in support of National Defense and National Security Strategies, to achieve security cooperation objectives.

TRUSTED

IHS personnel apply regional expertise in global health, health systems, geopolitics, culture, and language to build meaningful relationships with ally and partner nation personnel and populations. This creates space for cooperation with new partners, helps to position the US as partner of choice, and provides an ideal context to build military medical interoperability.

COLLABORATIVE

IHS personnel are team players, coordinating with DoD GHE stakeholders, other departments and agencies of the US government, ally and partner nation institutions, and multinational organizations. Collaboration is critical to tackle complex health challenges.

READY

IHS personnel have experience engaging with allies and partners in many different environments, enhancing readiness for global operations. GHE programs and activities build capabilities and capacity of partners, increasing combined medical force readiness for crisis response.