

Military Medical Humanitarian Assistance (HA) Project - Participant Survey

Introduction: This voluntary survey is for all military or civilian personnel involved in any aspect of conducting military medical humanitarian assistance (HA) projects or activities.

A. Personal Information

1. Age _____

2. Type employment:

a. Military

b. Civilian (skip to question #7 below)

3. Rank (e.g. E1, O3) _____

4. Service

a. Army

b. Navy

c. Air Force

d. Marines

e. Coast Guard

5. Component

a. Active Duty

b. Reserves

c. National Guard

d. Other (specify) _____

6. Military Occupational Specialty (MOS/AFSC/etc.)

Number code _____

Title _____

7. Total years of service /employment _____

B. Training

8. What HA-related training (military or civilian) have you had? (Check all that apply)

- a. None
- b. On-the-job training
- c. Attended a professional conference
- d. Attended a Short course / Specify _____
- e. Received Long-term training / Specify, include degree/certificate _____
- f. Other _____

9. Are you interested in future training in HA?

- a. Yes
- b. No (if NO skip to #19)

Use the following, in answering questions 10-18 relating to future HA training:

- a = very interested in using or attending
- b = likely use or attend
- c = might use or attend, or no opinion, or N/A
- d = not be likely to use, or attend
- e = rarely or never attend or use

I would be

- 10. Short-term TDY / TAD for a 1 - 2 week course on humanitarian assistance
- 11. Distance learning (e.g. CDs with lesson plans, sample documents, resource library etc.)
- 12. Humanitarian assistance training via web site
- 13. Military correspondence course (i.e. texts and tests mailed to you for self-paced study)
- 14. Annual training conference with presentations by experts from a variety of disciplines
- 15. On-the-job, one-on-one 'mentoring' with a resource person experienced in HA
- 16. Instruction manual covering frequently asked questions. ("desk top guide for HA")
- 17. Telephone resource (1-800-# as a clearing house for HA information, questions)
- 18. Other (specify) _____

C. Your Experience in Humanitarian Assistance

19. Total number of military medical HA projects in which you have participated in any role
 (If zero, go to section E, last page.)

20. Have you done HA work for organizations other than the military?

- a. Yes (specify organization) _____
- b. NO

21. My involvement in HA has included: (check all that apply)

- a. Non-disaster patient care (e.g. MEDCAP or MEDRETE)
- b. Patient care during a disaster relief operation (e.g. after an earthquake)
- c. Patient care for displaced persons, migrants, or refugees
- d. Donation of medical supplies or equipment
- e. Building medical capacity (e.g. developing an Emergency Medical system etc.) specify _____
- f. Improving health care infrastructure (clinic construction etc) specify _____
- g. Health education or training (subject taught) _____
- h. Epidemiology, or health data/statistical analysis specify _____
- i. Environmental health or sanitation project. specify _____
- j. Other: specify _____

22. Your role in the project was: (answer all that apply):

- a. Unit Commander
- b. Project Officer in Charge (OIC)
- c. Planner
- d. Patient Care Provider
- e. Subject Matter Expert (specify) _____
- f. Other (specify) _____

23. Country deployed to for medical HA mission? _____

24. Year deployed for HA project? _____

25. Were you deployed with?

- a. Your regularly assigned unit
- b. A small augmentation team
- c. As an individual augmentee
- d. Other (specify)_____

26. What administrative information did you receive prior to deploying on the HA mission?
(check all that apply)

- a. commander's intent or purpose
- b. cultural "dos and don'ts"
- c. project mission statement
- d. rules of engagement
- e. chain of command for the project

27. What health related information did you receive prior to deploying on the HA mission?
(check all that apply)

- a. data on host nation's health problems or health needs
- b. data on host nation's health care system, organization.
- c. specific endemic diseases at the location you were deploying to
- d. basic health statistical data (leading causes of morbidity/mortality, rates etc.)
- e. information on major disease vectors, and/or environmental health problems

D. Answer the following questions (28-51) on the basis of your most recent humanitarian deployment, using the following:

- a = strongly agree,
- b = agree somewhat,
- c = neutral, no opinion, or N/A
- d = disagree somewhat,
- e = strongly disagree.

- 28. I was well trained to conduct humanitarian assistance operations.
- 29. There is adequate policy and doctrine for my role in humanitarian operations.
- 30. The U.S. military should participate in humanitarian assistance operations.
- 31. I was well prepared as a health care professional to accomplish the mission.

32. I was well prepared as a military service member to accomplish the mission.
33. My mission was well defined.
34. I was easily able to integrate myself into the mission.
35. The unit that I augmented understood my role.
36. The unit that I augmented appreciated my involvement.
37. The unit that I augmented used my skills appropriately.
38. The unit had adequate time to plan and coordinate the project prior to deploying.
39. The project had adequate funding.
40. The humanitarian activities were well coordinated with the host nation.
41. The humanitarian activities were well coordinated with civilian humanitarian relief organizations. (e.g. United Nations (UN), Private Volunteer Organizations (PVOs), or Non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
42. I would like to participate in a future humanitarian assistance activity. (If NO go to #52)

I would like to participate in the following types of humanitarian assistance projects in the future (answer all that apply):

a = strongly agree,
 b = agree somewhat,
 c = neutral, no opinion, or N/A
 d = disagree somewhat,
 e = strongly disagree.

43. Non-disaster patient care (e.g. MEDCAP or MEDRETE)
44. Patient care during a disaster relief operation (e.g. after an earthquake)
45. Patient care for displaced persons or refugees.
46. Donation of medical supplies or equipment
47. Building medical capacity (e.g. developing an EMS system)
 specify _____
48. Improving health care infrastructure (clinic construction etc.)
 specify _____
49. Health education and training (subject to be taught) _____
50. Epidemiology, or health data analysis

51. Environmental health or sanitation project
specify _____
52. Other: specify _____

Answer the following questions on the basis of your most recent humanitarian deployment, using the following:

- a = strongly agree,
- b = agree somewhat,
- c = neutral, no opinion, or N/A
- d = disagree somewhat,
- e = strongly disagree

In your opinion, the humanitarian assistance project was very worthwhile:

53. For the host nation population.
54. As a military training activity.
55. As a medical training activity.
56. As a show of support by the United States.
57. As an engagement activity for the CINC, Ambassador, or Country Team.
58. Personally.
59. Other: specify _____

What do you like best about working in HA?

What do you like least about working in HA?

What are the best aspects of DoD humanitarian assistance programs?

What aspect(s) of DoD humanitarian assistance programs would you like to change or improve? (attach extra sheet if desired)

E. Other Comments: Please write any other ideas, observations, or suggestions, about military medical humanitarian assistance, either general or specific.

The following information is requested in case of any need for follow-up. All Identities and answers will remain solely with the study investigators and will not be released.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email address: _____

Please check here if you would like to be place on a mailing list for a **free** - publication (electronic) "Humanitarian Times" -a periodic newsletter addressing developments in humanitarian assistance.

(Above info is required)

Please give your response to the interviewer, or enclose your response in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided and mail to:

The Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
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-----Thank you for your assistance-----

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