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**INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT (ITLS) CHAPTER
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM**

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An overview of the ILTS Chapter Certification Program for Vietnam

- ILTS Chapter Certification Program for Vietnam is conducted under the framework of the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) program and in accordance with United Nations Peacekeeping Training Guidelines.
- A cooperative relationship is established between U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy Hanoi (ODC Hanoi), Oregon National Guard State Partnership Program (ORNG-SPP), the Defense Institute of Medical Operations (DIMO), and the Vietnam Department of Peacekeeping Operations (VNDPKO) for the mutual coordination, planning, and execution of the ITLS Certification Program and associated training events **from September 2022 to February 2024.**



Responsibilities

GPOI

- Overall program coordinator
- Fund travel/billeting/rations for all U.S. instructors, SMEs
- Provide training equipment, materials required prior to certification

ODC

- Obtain approval from MND for all engagements with VNPKO/MH175
- Coordinate with VNDPKO/MH175 for course and site survey dates, applicable personnel for training/site survey; billeting, rations, lodging for US SMEs.
- Support US participants with logistical arrangements
- Applicable personnel present at training/site survey
- Participate in Site Survey, meetings with USINDOPACOM, DIMO, and VNDPKO
- Assists VNDPKO/MH175 with Chapter Certification administrative requirements



Responsibilities

DIMO

- Certifies/provides certification guidance for US instructors
- Conducts Site Survey/Program Development Meeting to analyze requirements against Partner Nation goals, objectives, and capabilities to support Chapter Establishment Plan of Action
- Mentorship to PN (Partner Nation) ITLS Course Medical Director and Course Coordinator during all Phases of Vietnam ITLS Chapter building process.
- Advise and assist Chapter Leadership with curriculum facilitation, testing and evaluation of PN students, ICs (Instructors Candidates), and building Chapter workforce.
- Provide expert advice in course management, classroom and skills set up, sourcing and purchasing of all medical equipment and supplies, and inventory management to support course facilitation to conduct / execute all Phases
- Assists in coordination for ITLS/NAEMT site visit



Responsibilities

State Partnership Program

- Provides up to 5 DIMO-certified instructors to conduct training
 - a) Inform all parties concerned of DIMO-certification status/plan
 - b) Codify training certification process for future courses
- Assist ODC and VNDPKO with Chapter Certification administrative requirements

VNDPKO

- Vietnam's overall program coordinator.
- Provide general support: logistical and technical arrangements, protocol, administrative requirements for ITLS chapter certification.
- Provide course support: venue & associated support for training (classroom, billeting, rations, lodging, transportation, translation of materials, interpretation services, consumable office supplies, etc.)
- Provide key personnel to participate in the Chapter building process
- Course management, class discipline
- Complete in-country administrative requirements for ITLS Chapter certification; host Certification Ceremony



Aims of ITLS Chapter Certification Program

- Build Partner Capacity: ITLS Instructor and Program Development for Viet Nam that meets United Nations (UN) PKO requirements.
- Standardize medical training provided to Vietnam using the Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO) and State Partnership Programs (SPP) that meets or exceeds UN deployment standards.
- The Program results in International Certification of Vietnam's training program and an internationally certified training institution (MH175 Hospital Chapter certification/ Becomes an ITLS Chapter).



Aims of ITLS Chapter Certification Program

- Train and produce/generate internationally certified ITLS Vietnamese instructors.
- Provide ITLS training and certificates to L2H and L1H personnel for UN PKO rotational deployments.
- Sustainable program for VNDPKO: with the Chapter certification, Vietnam will sustain its pool of internationally certified ITLS instructors, delivery of internationally standardized ITLS training and certificates to Vietnamese medical personnel for UN PKO participation and international engagement.
- Contribute to PKO bilateral cooperation and attain internationally recognized ITLS Chapter status.



ILTS Certification Program/ MH175 Hospital Chapter Building Process

- The ITLS Certification Program is a 5-phased plan designed to train instructors to teach International Trauma Life Support to deploying Level 2 Hospital (L2H) contingents and any unit deploying with medical section. The end goal is to gain international training certification for both instructors and the training center
- The 5 Phases are:



MH175 Hospital Chapter Building Process

(ITLS 9th Edition Advanced Provider Course)

MH175/VNDPKO trains Vietnamese and International UN Partner Nations. The second ITLS Chapter building process in Vietnam.

PHASE V: Official Chapter Hand-off

MH175 attain ITLS Chapter status effective February 8, 2024.

Official celebration to recognize Vietnam's first independent ITLS Training Chapter: 15 April 2024

PHASE IV: ITLS ToT: 04 - 08 December 2023 (Week 1); 11 – 15 December 2023 (Week 2). MH175 / HCMC (2 weeks).

-Participants: (VN) up to 25 students per week, Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Medical Director, up to 6 instructors from August Course (Week 2) or Week 1 of Phase IV; (US) up to 6 US ITLS-certified instructors

-Week 1: Final hands on IC certification for personnel from Week 1, Phase III. ITLS course facilitation with previously trained PN ITLS Instructors. US Instructor team will select new PN ICs. New ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during Week 2, Phase IV.

- Week 2: ITLS Board Member will evaluate Vietnam as ITLS Chapter. US Instructors will serve as Observers.

PHASE III: ITLS ToT: 21-25 August 2023 (Week 1); 28 August - 01 September 2023 (Week 2). MH175 / HCMC (2 weeks).

-Participants: (VN) up to 25 students/week, Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Medical Director, up to 6 instructor from February Course (Week 2) or Week 1 of Phase III; (US) up to 5 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1-2 US Embassy representative

- Week 1: Final hands-on IC certification for personnel from Week 1, Phase II. US Instructor team select new PN ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during Week 1, Phase III.

Week 2: ITLS course facilitation with previously trained PN ITLS Instructors. Identify new PN ICs. PN ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during Week1, Phase IV

PHASE II: ITLS ToT: 13-17 February 2023 (Week 1); 20-24 February 2023 (Week 2). MH175 / HCMC (2 weeks).

-Participants: (US) up to 6 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1 US Embassy representative. (VN) Up to 25 students per week, ITLS Chapter Coordinator, ITLS Chapter Medical Director, 3 instructor candidates from September 2022 for facilitation evaluation.

-Week 1: Final hands-on IC certification for personnel from Week 1, Phase II. US Instructor team will select new PN ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during Week 2, Phase II.

-Week 2: ITLS course facilitation with previously trained PN ITLS Instructors. Identify new PN ICs. PN ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during Week 1, Phase III

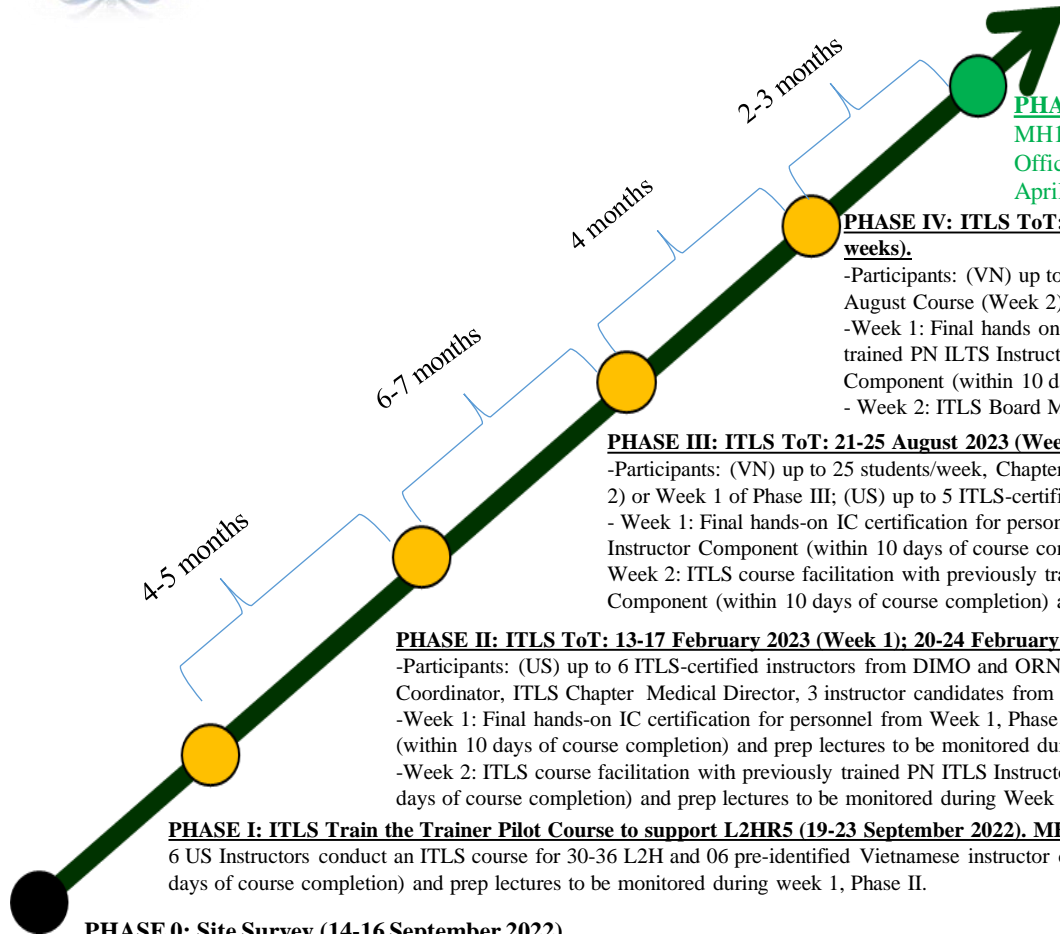
PHASE I: ITLS Train the Trainer Pilot Course to support L2HR5 (19-23 September 2022), MH 175, HCMC (1 week)

6 US Instructors conduct an ITLS course for 30-36 L2H and 06 pre-identified Vietnamese instructor candidates (IC) and certify ICs. ICs will complete Online Instructor Component (within 10 days of course completion) and prep lectures to be monitored during week 1, Phase II.

PHASE 0: Site Survey (14-16 September 2022)

Key Leader Exchange/Assessment of needs in Hanoi

Program Development Meeting– develop Program of Cooperation





MH175 Chapter Building Process

1. PHASE 0: Site Survey (Key Leader Exchange/ Assessment of needs.

- a) Date: 14-16 September 2022. SMEs Meeting with VNDPKO and MH175 leadership.
- b) Location: VNDPKO HQ, Hanoi (Sep 2022) and MH 175 Ho Chi Minh City (Feb 2023).
- c) Participants: ITLS Chapter Medical Director, Course Medical Director, Chapter Coordinator, and VNDPKO/MH175 Leadership, 3 ITLS-certified Instructors from DIMO and ORG, 1 US Embassy representative.

2. PHASE I: ITLS and Train the Trainer (T3) Pilot Course to support L2H Rotation 5 (L2HR5)

- a) Date: 19-23 September 2022.
- b) Location: MH 175, Ho Chi Minh City.
- c) Participants: (VN) 30-36 students from L2HR5, ITLS Chapter Coordinator, 6 VNDPKO pre-selected instructors attending as students; (US) 6 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1 US Embassy representative.

3. PHASE II: ITLS (T3)

- a) Date: 13-17 February 2023 (Week 1); 20-24 February 2023 (Week 2).
- b) Location: MH 175, Ho Chi Minh City.
- c) Participants: (VN) up to 25 students per week, ITLS Chapter Coordinator, ITLS Chapter Medical Director, 3 instructor candidates from September 2022 for facilitation evaluation; (US) up to 6 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1 US Embassy representative.
- d) After Action Review: 23 February 2023 at MH175. VNDPKO and MH175 leadership, ITLS Course Coordinator, ITLS Medical Director.



MH175 Chapter Building Process

4. PHASE III: ITLS (T3),

a) Date: 21-25 August 2023 (Week 1); 28 August - 01 September 2023 (Week 2).

b) Location: MH 175, Ho Chi Minh City.

c) Participants: (VN) up to 25 students per week, Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Medical Director, up to 6 instructor from February Course (Week 2) or Week 1 of Phase III; (US) up to 5 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1-2 US Embassy representative.

d) After Action Review: 01 September 2023 at MH175. VNDPKO and MH175 leadership, ITLS Course Coordinator, ITLS Medical Director.

5. PHASE IV: ITLS (T3)

a) Date: 04 - 08 December 2023 (Week 1); 11 – 15 December 2023 (Week 2).

b) Location: MH 175, Ho Chi Minh City.

c) Participants: (VN) up to 25 students per week, ITLS Chapter Coordinator, ITLS Chapter Medical Director, up to 6 instructors from August Course (Week 2) or Week 1 of Phase IV; (US) up to 5 ITLS-certified instructors from DIMO and ORNG, 1-2 US Embassy representative.

d) After Action Review: 15 December 2023 at MH175. VNDPKO and MH175 leadership, ITLS Course Coordinator, ITLS Medical Director.

e) This is the phase in which a civilian member of ITLS Board of Directors from Chicago, USA will evaluate the course, either virtually or in person, to determine if MH175 has met requirements of Chapter status. This step will happen during Week 2. Week 2 ITLS course will be conducted entirely (both preparation for the course and course delivery by Vietnamese personnel, although US support will be on-site and available.



MH175 Chapter Building Process

6. PHASE V: Official Chapter Hand-off

a) Date: MH175 has been awarded ITLS Chapter status effective February 8, 2024.

- ITLS Chapter celebration (Certification and Presentation Ceremony for Vietnam's first ITLS Chapter at Military Hospital 175): 15 April 2024:

- Site Survey visit to MH103/MMU (17 April 2024)

b) Location: MH 175, Ho Chi Minh City.

c) Participants: ITLS Chapter Medical Director, DIMO and Oregon Air National Guard representatives, US Embassy/Consulate – Vietnam dignitaries, other US dignitaries, Press coverage as requested by VNDPKO/MH175.

d) Purpose: Official ceremony to recognize Vietnam's first independents ITLS Training Chapter. Site survey for a second ITLS Chapter institution in Vietnam.



Instructor Candidates selected from Week 1 of each Phase

- New instructors will be selected by the US ITLS instructors in concurrence with the Vietnam ITLS medical Director.
- New ITLS instructor candidates will be selected from week 1 students based on their performance in the class and their potential instructional skills.
- The selected instructors will demonstrate their instructional skills in week 1 of the next phase by completing and ITLS lecture, proctoring ITLS skills stations, and proctoring patient assessments / final examinations all under the supervision of US ITLS instructors.
- Instructor Candidates must also complete online ITLS instructor training in order to become fully certified ITLS instructors.



Instructor Candidates selected from Week 2 of each phase

- New instructors will be selected by the U.S ITLS instructors in concurrence with the Vietnam ITLS Medical director.
- New ITLS instructor candidates will be selected from week 2 students based on their performance in the class and their potential instructional skills. The selected instructors will demonstrate their instructional skills in week 1 of the next phase by completing and ITLs lecture, proctoring ITLS skills stations, and proctoring patient assessments / final examinations all under the supervision of US ITLS instructors.
- Instructor Candidates must also complete online ITLS instructor training in order to become fully certified ITLS instructors



ITLS Chapter Certification Program Outcomes and Benefits/Significance

- The 5-phased ITLS Chapter Certification Program for Vietnam from September to February 2024 has completed. Under the program, a series of training events such as: site survey visits, AAR meetings, 6 training courses (ITLS training courses for L2HR5 and relevant Vietnamese military medical personnel and ITLS ToT courses for certified instructors development) have been conducted. The five-phase program stayed on track and has been completed in a timely manner.
- From 2018 up to 2024, the US has provided ITLS training and certificates to about 275 medical personnel of L2H deploying to UN missions. The ITLS Chapter certification program alone has developed 15 ITLS instructors, trained and certified 110 medical personnel.



ILTS Chapter Certification Program Outcomes and Benefits/Significance

- The completion of the ILTS Chapter Program has resulted in the international certification and recognition of MH175 as Vietnam's first independent ILTS training Chapter (also the first military ILTS Chapter institution in the region). Specifically, MH175 has completed the required Chapter building process and met all the requirements on the registration, site survey, institution resources, designation of key staff personnel (Chapter Director, Chapter Course Director, Chapter Medical Coordinator), development of the training program, generation of certified instructors and delivery of standardized training courses, etc.



ITLS Chapter Certification Program Outcomes and Benefits/Significance

- With the internationally recognized ITLS Chapter, Vietnam is now able to independently deliver internationally standardized ITLS training and provide internationally recognized ITLS certificates as required by the UN for Vietnamese L2H and relevant medical personnel for UN deployments and international cooperation/ engagement as well as for international UN Partner Nations.
- With MH175 as the first certified Chapter institution, Vietnam will be able to sustain the Chapter program, develop a pool of internationally certified instructors, and build a second certified ITLS Chapter institution in Vietnam.



ILTS Chapter Certification Program Outcomes and Benefits/Significance

- The US will continue to support MH175 and the second ITLS Chapter with professional advice. Up to now, MH103/MMU has had a training institution in place with all necessary resources, prepared the Chapter key personnel, developed a number of ITLS certified instructors, and become ready to proceed with the second Chapter building program in Vietnam.



ILTS Chapter Certification Program Outcomes and Benefits/Significance

- The success of the ITLS Chapter Certification program is powerful testament of the meaningful and substantial cooperation between the MoD of Vietnam and the US Defense Department in the area of UN peacekeeping and ITLS within the framework of Vietnam-US Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR VIETNAM' FIRST ITLS CHAPTER AT MH175





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“Building Strong Partnerships to Enhance Healthcare Outcomes”

In recognition of tremendous support from The Vietnam Department
of Peacekeeping Operations in establishing
Vietnam’s first International Trauma Life Support Chapter.

An achievement made possible through a collaborative effort between multiple
Vietnamese and American governmental and military organizations.





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