

## Community Strengths and Themes Assessment returns to Fort Benning

By Fort Benning Community Health Promotion Program

The third edition of the biennial Community Strengths and Themes Assessment is underway at the Maneuver Center of Excellence. It will run through Sept. 24 and close Nov. 16.

“The intent of this online needs assessment is to capture the ‘pulse’ of our Fort Benning community using a more holistic approach,” says Else Seifu, MCoE Surgeon’s Cell Health Promotion Program Officer and the Fort Benning Community Ready and Resilient Integrator.

The CSTA provides an understanding of the community’s concerns on quality of life, health, safety and satisfaction within the environment of Fort Benning.

This assessment covers a wide array of topics and survey takers will be asked such questions like, “What do you think are the top five most important ‘health problems’ in your community?” and, “Identify the top strengths of our Installation.”

“The needs assessment is anonymous and only captures basic demographic information in order to get an appreciation of the specific needs of our populations, so that we can implement targeted interventions,” Seifu said. “We have used the CSTA, along with other qualitative and quantitative data points to make actionable changes. A great example is seen in the goals and objectives of the Main Post Area Developmental Plan.”

The outcome of the assessment is briefed at the CG’s Executive Community Health Promotion Council Meeting, and will imbedded into the CHPC Strategic Plan and disseminated through various marketing channels.

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