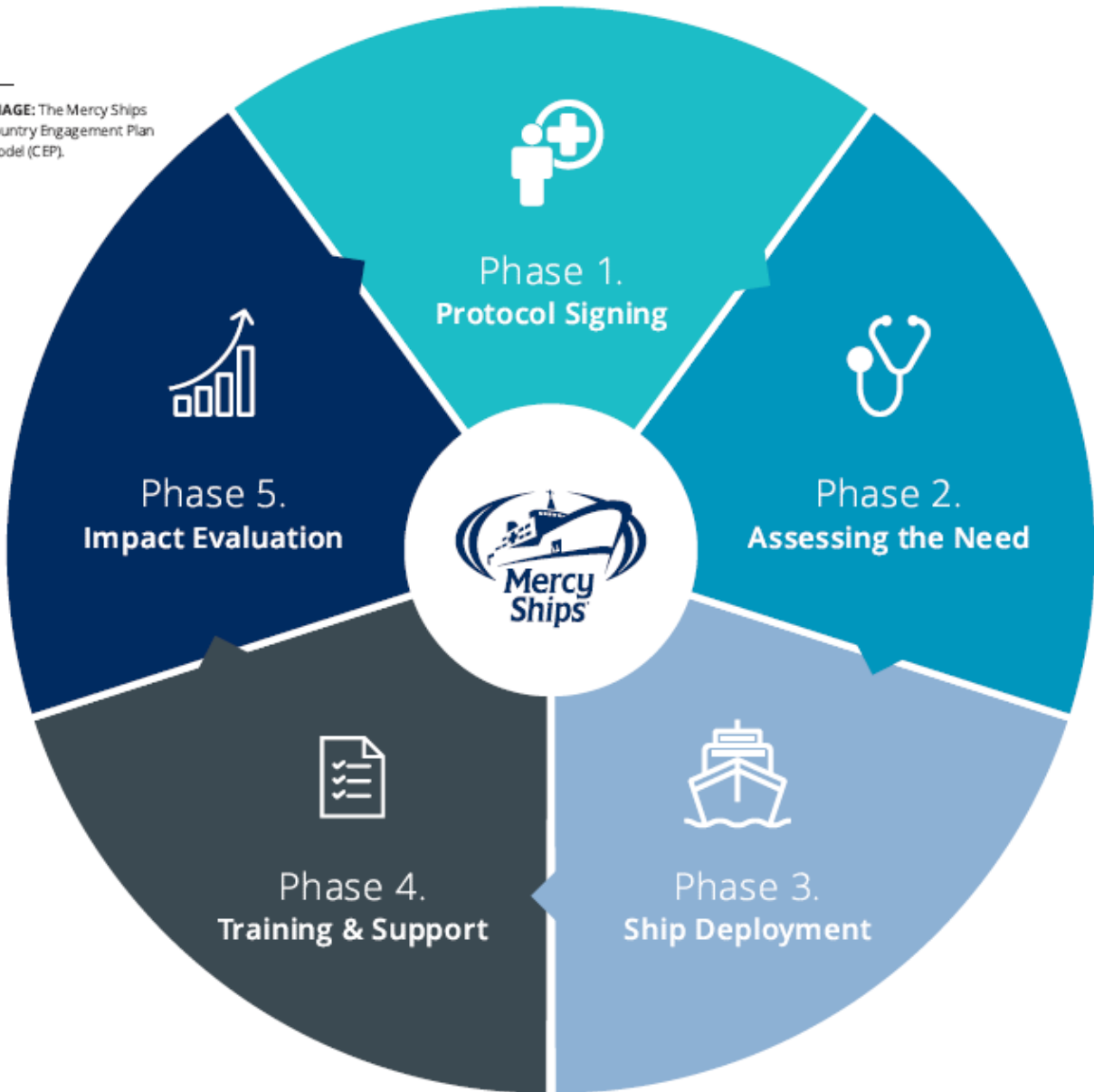




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IMAGE: The Mercy Ships Country Engagement Plan model (CEP).





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Phase 1. Protocol Signing

Mercy Ships listens, builds relationships and collaborates with the Presidential Office, Ministry of Health, other departments of the government, and NGOs. A collaborative effort has an increased impact. A protocol of commitment is signed, taking into account World Health Organization targets.



Phase 2. Assessing the Need

An analysis of capacity needs within the local healthcare system is undertaken, establishing where assistance will be most effective. Assessment teams examine surgical and ancillary service capacity, port, security, and builds connections with key stakeholders. An Advance Team will enhance the effectiveness of the ship deployment by preparing for ship arrival.



Phase 3. Ship Deployment

For 10 months, a Mercy Ship is docked in the host nation's port, providing free surgical and dental care for thousands of people, training for local healthcare workers, renovations for local facilities and more.



Phase 4. Training & Support

Project implementers return to provide additional instruction, learn about challenges faced by local healthcare professionals implementing learned materials and skills, and provide encouragement and additional input.



Phase 5. Impact Evaluation

Teams return to learn how Mercy Ships work changed the lives of patients and trained healthcare professionals, and what was sustained from hospital and clinic improvement. Lessons are learned and used to inform future field services.