In mid-2019, Drs. Joe Kolars and John Ayanian, leaders from Global REACH and the Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation (IHPI) convened large- and small-group meetings with diverse stakeholders across U-M’s three campuses exploring the idea of a new center for Global Health Equity. Beginning in the fall of 2019 through early spring of 2020, a faculty visioning team and a launch advisor’s committee joined these leaders to help shape the efforts to define and advance the center’s strategic priorities and structure. During the summer of 2020 through the winter of 2021, the center convened faculty challenge groups around strategic priority themes, and began laying the foundations for ongoing programming with a monthly seminar series, a monthly newsletter, a faculty survey, and a new website.

June - September 2019

- Global REACH Faculty Associates and others highly active in global health attended the Global Health Initiatives Forum for a discussion to introduce the CGHE concept and workshop approaches. Key Stakeholder Meetings to gather perspectives, discuss interdisciplinary collaboration, and explore potential gaps to be addressed through CGHE.

October 2019

- Vice Provost’s Associate Dean Group concept presentation to introduce CGHE and discuss launch strategy. University of Michigan publicly announced $10 million gift from Leslie and Tachi Yamada in support of global health equity.

November - April 2019

- Visioning Team convened to discussed center priorities and structure.
- Launch Advisory Committee convened to guide priorities and community building.
- Provost’s Academic Program Group Meeting presentation.

May 2019 - May 2021

- Multi-disciplinary Challenge Groups convened with emphasis on five thematic areas: Data Science, Climate Vulnerability and Health, Empowering Women and Communities, Design for Impact
- Design teams formed in response to priorities brought forth by the Rwanda Prime Minister of Health.
- Monthly seminar series launched.
- CGHE website goes live.
- Faculty survey initiated.
- Impact Scholars program launched.
- Challenge Group Grants introduced.

Continued Engagement of School, Center Stakeholders

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Focus
Impact in low-income countries & select populations of middle-income countries. Develop new scholarly and inclusive ways of measuring impact.

Broad themes to support cross-campus collaborations.
• Strengthening systems (e.g. human resource development, collaborative care models, supply-chain, access) to support health and health equity including creative approaches with the private sector
• Approaches to address & inform policy on the Social Determinants of Health (e.g. environment, food security, education, health economics, economic development)
• Technical solutions (e.g. AI & data science approaches, telehealth tools & systems
• Empowering women as effectors of health for themselves, their families, communities & society

Enabling functions and activities
Convening/brokering/harmonizing interdisciplinary cross-campus collaborations
Facilitating external partnerships (visiting scholars & speakers)
Harnessing data resources and providing analytic support
Providing pilot funding & project management for team proposals
Creating/providing educational programs (experiential learning, global health certificate)
Enhancing communication and policy engagement

Next Steps
Continue Challenge Group engagement
Continue to gather internal & external input
Continue faculty engagement and outreach
Continue to engage with international partners around strategic priorities
Propose plan for 2022 and beyond