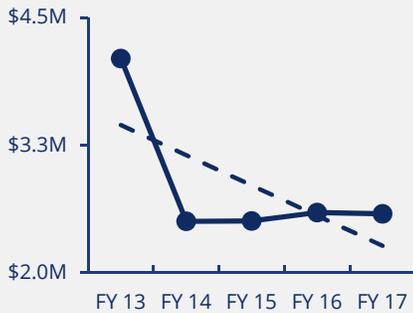


# HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

# PUERTO RICO

## HPP FUNDING

**37% decrease in funding**  
since FY 2013



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Puerto Rico uses HPP funds to maintain an emergency preparedness system for the 3 million residents of the main island, as well as the smaller islands of Vieques and Culebra
- Puerto Rico engaged in readiness planning and exercising in early 2017, with the rest of the year devoted to responding to back-to-back Hurricanes Irma and Maria
- The seven health care coalitions (HCC) located throughout the main island have governance structures and by-laws, with active participation from coalition members

## HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of hospitals



of Emergency Medical Services



of public health departments



of emergency management organizations

## SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: Hurricanes Irma and Maria

- In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico in quick succession, causing widespread devastation with serious impacts on life-sustaining systems
- Most of the island's 68 hospitals were without power, requiring patient evacuation
- Puerto Rico's HCCs played a major role in assisting patient evacuation, sharing information, and maintaining situational awareness
- Using HPP funds, Puerto Rico's HCCs conducted planning and training exercises and purchased generators and fuel to maintain patient care



**7** Health Care Coalitions

## FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- **Continue to Develop Health Care Coalitions:** Support hospital emergency preparedness activities and continue to prepare the coalitions to respond to real world events through training and exercising activities
- **Increase Information Sharing:** Enhance the use of information technology to effectively exchange data with partners while ensuring appropriate privacy protection
- **Enhance Volunteer Management Program:** Sustain volunteer management program by recruiting, registering, and collecting health professionals' credentials