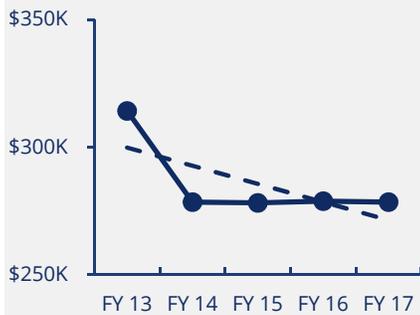


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

AMERICAN SAMOA

HPP FUNDING

11% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Territory of American Samoa (AS) is located about 2,300 miles southwest of Hawaii. AS is a U.S. flag Territory with about 70,100 residents. The AS Department of Health (ASDOH) directly provides all public health services.
- The jurisdiction has one hospital, the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center, or LBJ Hospital, a 128-bed acute care facility. There are also three community health centers equipped with emergency preparedness equipment and supplies to serve as Alternate Care Sites.
- The jurisdiction has endemic infectious diseases, such as pink-eye, Dengue Fever, Chikungunya, and now Zika, which occur each year. The territory is also threatened by typhoons with flash floods and damaging winds.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of hospitals



of Emergency Medical Services



of public health departments



of emergency management organizations

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: Tropical Cyclone Gita

Tropical Cyclone Gita occurred in February 2018 with torrential rains and damaging winds. The AS healthcare coalition, with the same membership as the ESF-8 (Emergency Service Function of Health and Medical Resources), provided island-wide communications and alerted first responder agencies of equipment and supply gaps in shelters and alternate care sites. The ASDOH has applied lessons learned from this event to its health care work plan revisions and for exercises improvement.

FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- **Community Resilience:** Sustain the development and maturation of the single healthcare coalition, update databases to determine functional needs and risks of special populations, evaluate equipment and supplies needs, and develop and write the HCC response plan.
- **Information Management:** Ensure that situational awareness is maintained across the territory through monthly public health alerts testing and with public service announcements.
- **Surge Management:** Revise the ASDOH medical surge plan using lessons learned from Tropical Cyclone Gita response actions, inventory the preparedness medical caches, and evaluate alternative care site needs.



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