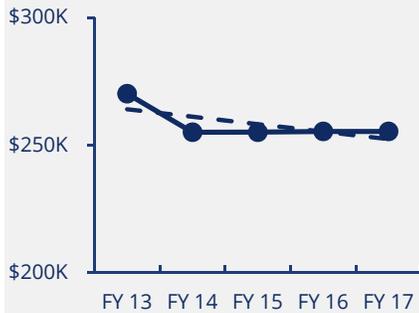


## HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

# REPUBLIC OF PALAU

### HPP FUNDING

**5% decrease in funding**  
since FY 2013



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Palau uses HPP funds to build an emergency preparedness and response foundation for the territory's population of 20,000 and more than 150,000 annual tourists
- The island of Koror, where most of Palau's residents live, is home to the territory's single hospital, and eight community health centers are located throughout the rest of Palau
- HPP funding helps Palau prepare for threats like typhoons, tsunamis, and infectious diseases
- There is one health care coalition (HCC) in Palau, which meets and trains together to enhance and strengthen readiness and response capabilities

### HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of hospitals



of Emergency Medical Services



of public health departments



of emergency management organizations

### SPOTLIGHT PREPAREDNESS: Full-Scale Mass Rescue Exercise

In May of 2018, Palau conducted a full-scale mass rescue operations exercise. The exercise scenario was a commercial airline crashing on water 2 miles north of the Meyuns area, and was the first time that the HCC exercised with a crash at sea. There were 65 patients who were rescued at sea, triaged, decontaminated and transported to the hospital. A secondary triage team was set at the hospital to receive the patients and treat according to need, allowing hospital staff to test their medical surge plans. Both state and federal government, as well as private organizations collaborated in this exercise, which tested all aspects of Palau's emergency management and medical response plans and procedures.

### FY 2018 PRIORITIES

- Palau HPP will update Belau National Hospital Evacuation Plan and conduct a hospital evacuation exercise to test the plan. Palau has had to evacuate their only hospital twice in the last six years due to typhoons that frequently hit the island nation. This evacuation plan will incorporate lessons learned from previous evacuations and will be shared with other HPP island awardees
- Palau's HPP will develop a health and medical all-hazards response plan, which will include participation of all HCC members and hospital staff. This plan will outline how the health care system in Palau responds to a disaster and will include both private and public healthcare facilities and the roles and responsibilities each has in response



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