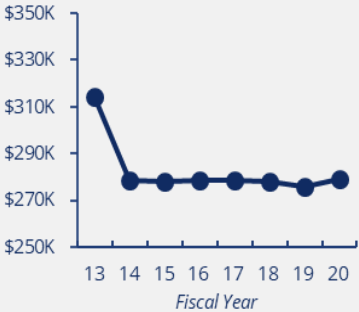


# HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

# AMERICAN SAMOA

## HPP FUNDING

**11% decrease in funding**  
since FY 2013



## HIGHLIGHTS

- American Samoa (AS) uses HPP funding to better protect its population of over 55,000 residents.
- Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) cause most premature illnesses and death in AS.
- AS is vulnerable to emerging and re-emerging mosquito-borne infectious diseases such as dengue, chikungunya, and Zika, as well as lymphatic filariasis.
- Multiple public health emergency responses in the last 2 years, including COVID-19, greatly improved the process of multiagency collaboration, information sharing, and resource management across AS.

## SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

Lymphatic filariasis is a crippling disease endemic to the Pacific Islands. In fall 2019, the AS Department of Health (DOH) coordinated a campaign to distribute medicine across the population. As of November 2019, the DOH administered this medication to 73.2% of the targeted population. DOH conducted a coverage survey in February 2020, which validated the number of people who received the medicine in 2019, and an Impact Assessment in September-October 2020, which identified pockets of positive test results in certain villages. The COVID-19 response delayed further assessments.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, AS worked to educate the public and community on proper preventative actions, heightened its travel protocols, and improved quarantine and isolation policies and procedures.
- The local Territorial Emergency Operations Center and the DOH's Command Post successfully managed multiagency coordination and communication.
- AS public health officials addressed workforce shortages during the COVID-19 response by implementing quick processes for emergency hires and volunteerism.



**1** Health Care Coalition

## HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



**100%**  
of acute care hospitals



**100%**  
of emergency medical services



**100%**  
of public health agencies



**100%**  
of emergency management agencies

FY19 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in AS.