HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

AMERICAN SAMOA

HPP FUNDING

11% decrease in funding since FY 2013

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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

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.

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