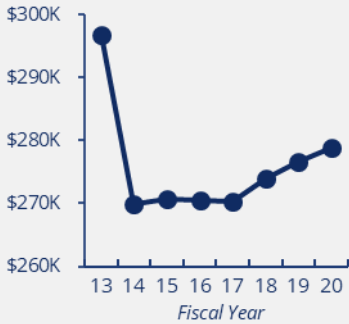


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

HPP FUNDING

6% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- HPP funding allows the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to prepare for and respond to a diverse set of threats including typhoons, tsunamis, and infectious diseases.
- Response efforts strengthened communications and collaboration among health care coalition (HCC) members, private clinics, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and federal partners, resulting in very few COVID-19 cases coming into the CNMI.
- CNMI also implemented a strict travel screening, quarantine, and isolation program, which has limited community spread of COVID-19. CNMI also shared their ultra cold freezer with Palau, so the archipelago could receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

In May 2020, the CNMI health care coalition (HCC) conducted a Community Engagement Risk and Needs Assessment of all medical care clinics, ethnic and faith-based communities, the Red Cross, and NGOs. Using this, the HCC kept COVID-19 cases low while awaiting vaccines. The HCC created a COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdictional Operational Guidelines and established a communications group for a common operating picture and timely information sharing. The first (Pfizer) vaccine allocation of 3,900 doses arrived on Saipan on December 17, 2020.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The CNMI attributed its low COVID-19 case rate and high vaccination rate to seamless communication and collaboration amongst government agencies and nongovernmental partners throughout the COVID-19 response.
- The CNMI acquired equipment and supplies locally and internationally (South Korea) including federal assets from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, HHS, and ASPR Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to assist in COVID-19 operations and response.
- The CNMI established the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force to oversee the state’s overall response needs in collaboration with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation leading the response.



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 CNMI.