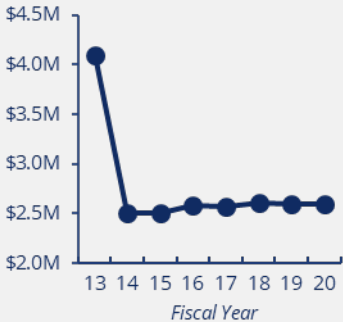


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

PUERTO RICO

HPP FUNDING

37% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

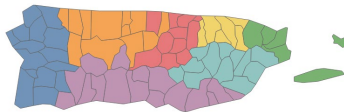
- Puerto Rico (PR) uses HPP funding to maintain an emergency preparedness system for the 3 million residents of the main island, as well as the smaller islands of Vieques and Culebra.
- The PR Department of Health strengthens and enhances the readiness of the health care system and documents progress across the key domains of preparedness.
- Health care coalitions (HCCs) played a major role in assisting patient evacuation, sharing information, and maintaining situational awareness and monitoring activities through the many responses in 2020, including COVID-19.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

From December 28, 2019 to January 7, 2020, PR was hit by a series of seismic activities. A magnitude 6.4 earthquake hit the island on January 7 affecting the entire island but causing serious damage to the south part of the island. Regional HCCs established immediate communication, with 100% of the health care organizations (HCOs) providing prompt situational awareness to elected officials. The Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response monitored bed availability, resources, and capacities, 24/7. COVID-19 response activities began in March by providing support to HCOs and EMS.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- HCC specialists supported information dissemination for situational awareness through meetings and the expansion of the EMResource platform.
- The PR Department of Health distributed personal protective equipment (PPE) available in their cache.
- HCOs completed resource needs assessments and identification through EMResource and HCC specialists.
- Medical Reserve Corps volunteers helped in the first phase of COVID-19 vaccination efforts for health care professionals, first responders, and older adults.



7 Health Care Coalitions

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, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in PR.