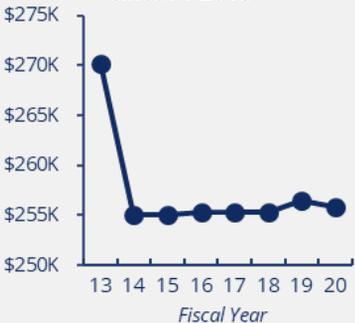


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

HPP FUNDING

5% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- The Republic of Palau (PW) uses HPP funding to build a preparedness and response foundation for its population of 20,000 residents and more than 150,000 annual tourists.
- The island of Koror, where most of PW's residents live, is home to the territory's single hospital and emergency room. Eight community health centers are located throughout the rest of Palau, and medical operations rely on transportation by boat to most of the clinics.
- PW uses HPP funding to improve its acute medical surge capacity by strengthening and growing its health care coalition (HCC).

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

In September 2019, the President of Palau declared September as National Preparedness month. The PW HCC planned a calendar of events throughout the month to raise awareness and strengthen readiness and response capabilities. These included a fair and parade, 4 radio talk shows, 1 roadside campaign, 22 school evacuation drills, 9 school outreaches on preparedness tips and first aid, 16 state community outreaches, 1 early warning system tabletop, 1 community evacuation drill, 40 teachers trained in first aid and CPR, and a project convention. Over 5,000 people participated in these events.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Through heavy surveillance, community mitigation, and the closing of its border with minimal air travel, PW has remained free of COVID-19 cases.
- The PW Ministry of Health (MOH) activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in January 2020 and stood up its incident command system (ICS) to minimize risk of importing COVID-19.
- The PW HCC and MOH implemented infection prevention and control training, including for port of entry (POE) personnel. The EOC implemented POE screening in PW on January 23, 2020.
- PW's HPP Coordinator worked with an Infection Prevention and Control nurse and trainer to plan and implement trainings to all workers involved in PW's COVID-19 response effort.



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 PW.