HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

PUERTO RICO

HPP FUNDING

37% decrease in funding since FY 2013

$4.5M
$3.3M
$2.0M
FY 13 FY 14 FY 15 FY 16 FY 17

HIGHLIGHTS

• Puerto Rico uses HPP funds 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
• Puerto Rico engaged in readiness planning and exercising in early 2017, with the rest of the year devoted to responding to back-to-back Hurricanes Irma and Maria
• The seven health care coalitions (HCC) located throughout the main island have governance structures and by-laws, with active participation from coalition members

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE: Hurricanes Irma and Maria

• In September 2017, Hurricanes Irma and Maria struck Puerto Rico in quick succession, causing widespread devastation with serious impacts on life-sustaining systems
• Most of the island’s 68 hospitals were without power, requiring patient evacuation
• Puerto Rico’s HCCs played a major role in assisting patient evacuation, sharing information, and maintaining situational awareness
• Using HPP funds, Puerto Rico’s HCCs conducted planning and training exercises and purchased generators and fuel to maintain patient care

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

55% of hospitals
22% of Emergency Medical Services
0% of public health departments
27% of emergency management organizations

FY 2018 PRIORITIES

• Continue to Develop Health Care Coalitions: Support hospital emergency preparedness activities and continue to prepare the coalitions to respond to real world events through training and exercising activities
• Increase Information Sharing: Enhance the use of information technology to effectively exchange data with partners while ensuring appropriate privacy protection
• Enhance Volunteer Management Program: Sustain volunteer management program by recruiting, registering, and collecting health professionals’ credentials

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