



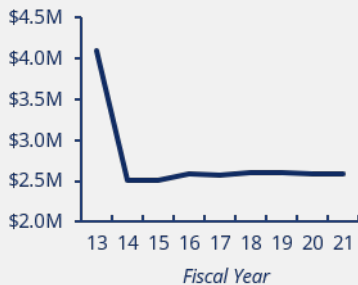
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
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**HOSPITAL
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM**

PUERTO RICO

HPP FUNDING

37% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

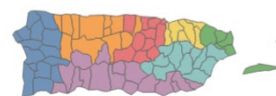
- Puerto Rico (PR) uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the 3.2 million residents of the main island, as well as the smaller islands of Vieques and Culebra.
- The PR Department of Health strengthened the readiness of the health care system by distributing equipment for COVID-19 analysis, supplying testing materials, and more.
- PR health care coalitions (HCCs) improved emergency response through coordination with the PR Department of Health Emergency Operations Center.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

PR HCCs organized disaster training activities to better support both local emergency response and health care organizations in disaster preparedness and response. These virtual exercises have provided a space for health care organizations to share preparedness plans, as well as receive feedback and assistance in ensuring plans comply with regional and state/territory guidelines. This process has identified and connected key partners necessary in successful preparedness and response activities.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- PR HCCs support health care facility monitoring of bed availability, hospital census, COVID-19 hospitalization, and intensive care unit capacity, as well as ventilator and personal protective equipment (PPE) availability and utilization.
- PR Department of Health coordinated situational awareness activities with health care organizations, stakeholders, and partners.
- PR Department of Health distributes PPE, transport media, and swabs to health care facilities, as needed.



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Health Care Coalitions

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in PR.