



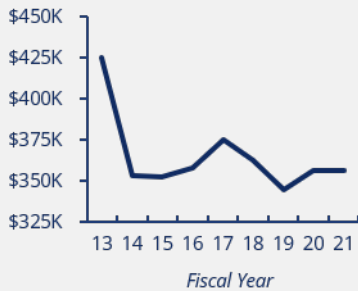
Office of the Assistant Secretary for
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**HOSPITAL
PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM**

GUAM

HPP FUNDING

16% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Guam uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the territory's nearly 169,000 residents and over 20,000 troops.
- The Guam Emergency Management Healthcare Coalition (GEMHCC) addressed community needs of the island through engagement and coordination.
- GEMHCC members' clinical leadership became the Governor's Physician Advisory Group, providing policy recommendations throughout the response.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

During the Fall 2020 wave, both the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) and Guam Region Medical City experienced major medical surge, forcing GMHA to establish alternate care site tents outside the hospital to triage patients with milder cases of COVID-19. However, critical care needs exceeded the coalition's staffing capacity. Through its partnership with the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Guam became the first telemedicine tasking for Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA). Additionally, Navy tele-critical care physicians used the National Emergency Telecritical Care Network (NETCCN) to provide consultations to new providers in Guam who do not normally care for critically-ill patients.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- GEMHCC increased hospitals' capacity to treat patients with and without COVID-19 using COVID-19 wards and tents erected outside the hospitals.
- As the Emergency Support Function 8 lead for health care, GEMHCC coordinated distribution of limited personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supply stockpiles as coalition members experienced supply shortages due to the island's remote location.
- GEMHCC provided PPE to members and coordinated with GMHA to host an N95 fit and testing certification and decontamination training for Guam Police, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department, Department of Corrections, Department of Youth Affairs, and Public Health.



1 **Health Care Coalition**

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

+
100%
of acute care hospitals

🚑
100%
of emergency medical services

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100%
of public health agencies

⚠️
100%
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 GU.