

Puerto Rico Immunization Program in collaboration with Voces

Immediate island-wide
disaster response
immunization initiative for
Puerto Rico after hurricane
María



CDC Foundation
Together our impact is greater



Direct Relief

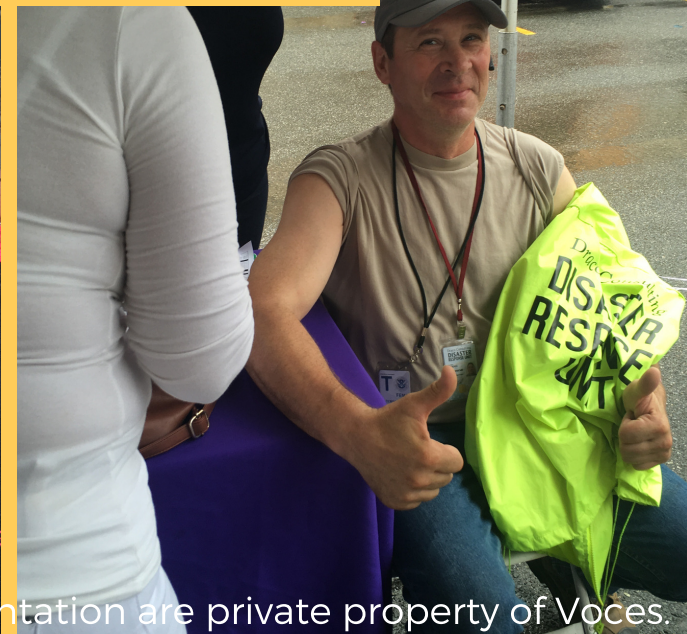
**LA RUTA DE LA
SALUD y la PREVENCIÓN**

UNA INICIATIVA DE VOCES Y EL DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD DE PUERTO RICO

VOCES
COALICIÓN DE VACUNACIÓN
DE PUERTO RICO



Protecting lives from vaccine-preventable diseases in Puerto Rico since 2013



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VOCES

Overview

NonProfit Organization

A 501C3 organization established in 2013 that brings together over 40 entities and individuals from the health field in Puerto Rico.

Mission

Raise awareness and educate about the importance of disease prevention and promote immunization as the main way to prevent diseases that can affect the quality of life and health of the population in Puerto Rico.

Aftermath of Hurricane María

- limited access to food and safe water
- poor sanitation
- increased risk of infectious disease transmission
- interruption of health services
- unattended chronic disease patients
- collapse of infrastructure

GOALS

PREVENT TRANSMISSION

of contagious diseases and save lives through immunization.

INCREASE FLU VACCINATION LEVELS

in infants , children, adults, pregnant women, seniors 65+ with chronic diseases and other vulnerable groups throughout the island.

+ PR has lowest adult vaccination rates when compared to USA territories and states.

INCREASE KNOWLEDGE

of flu risk factors and prevention methods in population with chronic diseases.



Stakeholders



Mi Salud (Health providers support through volunteers and participant recruiters)

- TRIPLE S - Reforma
- MMM-Reforma
- First Medical -Reforma
- Molina - Reforma
- MCS
- United Way (Volunteers for Vaccine Registration Area)

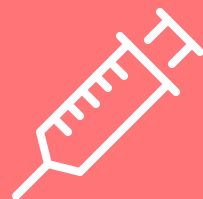
- College of Medical Surgeons (doctors to administer vaccines and for observation area)
- American Academy of Pediatricians (Pediatricians to administer vaccines)
- School of Pharmacy (Volunteers for Registration Area)
- College of Nurses of PR
- Droguería Betances
- Droguería Cardinal Health
- Neighborhood Pharmacies Assoc.
- Brigadas Salubristas
- UPR- Medical Sciences Campus

CDCF ESTABLISHED

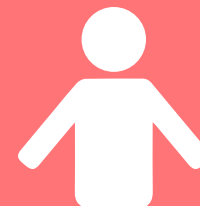
targets



105
ACTIVITIES



42,500
**ADMINISTERED
VACCINES**



350
VX/ACTIVITY

DRI ESTABLISHED

target



Fluzone

20,000

Afluria

2,640

Pprevnar13

13,200

Adacel

9,400

Flublok

22,500

Engerix-B

1,000

Pneumovax23

13,200

Boostrix

500

Total vaccines to be administered with donated material:

82,440



Strategies

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- Vulnerable communities
 - Schools
 - Mass impact events
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A man wearing a lab coat, glasses, and gloves is carefully drawing a liquid from a small vial into a syringe. The background is a blurred banner with text in Italian, including 'VACCINO', 'CONTRO', and 'INFEZIONE'. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter. In the top right corner, there is a large red arrow pointing right, with a smaller yellow arrow pointing right below it. In the bottom left corner, there is a large white arrow pointing right, with a red and yellow geometric shape below it.

OUTCOMES



42,626

**ADMINISTERED CDCF
VACCINES**



46,241

**ADMINISTERED DRI
VACCINES**

CDCF Outcomes



Activities

Expected goal:

105

Achieved:

468

445%



Vaccines

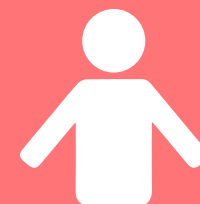
Expected goal:

42,500

Achieved:

42,626

100%



Vx/activity

Expected goal:

350

Achieved:

91

26%

DRI

outcome



Administered vaccines

Fluzone

10,103

Afluria

100

Prevnar13

8,378

Adacel

8,471

Flublok

11,004

Engerix-B

28

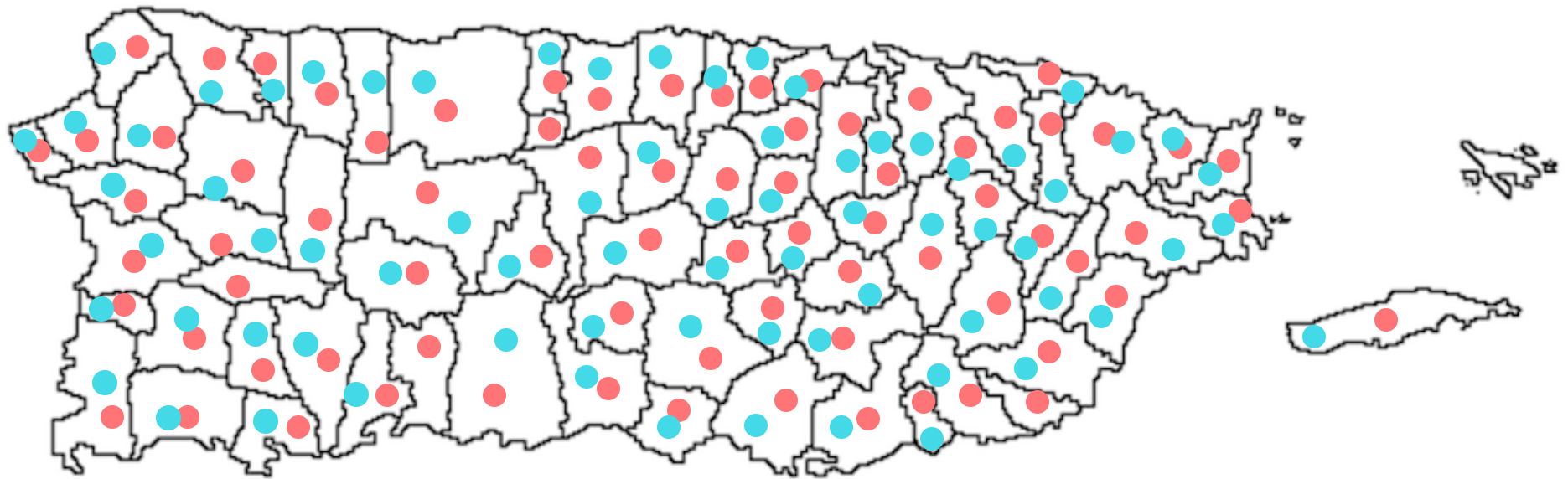
Pneumovax23

7,681

Boostrix

476

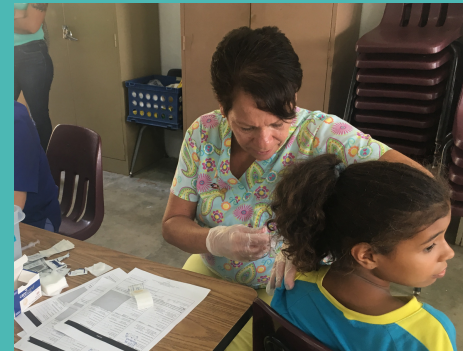
77 municipalities impacted
88,867 vaccines administered





164+
Vulnerable
communities &
other
activities

185
Schools



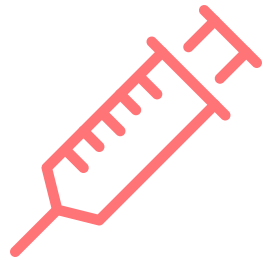


107+
Mass impact
events



45+
Collaborations

GRAND TOTAL



88,867

ADMINISTERED
CDCF & DRI
VACCINES



Capacity building

Educated over 600 health professionals on diverse immunization topics.

Thanks to:  **americares**



Success factors

- Media
- Teamwork
- Established processes and protocols
- Flexibility to attend needs of the population and unforeseen situations
- Alliances and collaborations and providing additional basic needs to the population
- Stretching the budget and resources
- Maximizing with simultaneous events



> \$800k
in-kind
publicity

A photograph of two women in a workshop or classroom setting. One woman is leaning over a table, pointing at a document, while the other sits and looks at the document. The image is overlaid with a teal filter and large white and yellow chevron graphics. The text 'Lessons and recommendations for the future' is centered in white.

Lessons and recommendations for the future

- Collaboration with stakeholders is fundamental for success.
- Flexibility to respond to unexpected scenarios as a result of the disaster.
- Added value: attending basic needs & services.
- Media and Communications: going back to basics
- Precision of GPS locations or directions to access sites.
- Integrate social media networks.
- Build a stronger team base with a stronger budget that allows for increased outreach and impact
- Coordinate simultaneous vaccination activities within same geographical location.
- Costs to deliver and pickup vaccines at events needs to be budgeted.

Lessons learned



Best practices



- Organizational processes: Internal, Subcontractors & Collaborators
- Distribution of territories among coordinators
- Nursing/registration staff training
- Templates & Live-sharing online reports
- Collaborations: government, NGOs, private sector, community leaders, religious groups, etc.
- Inclusion of other vaccines to attract more people
- Diversity of location and impact groups
- Maximize diverse channels of promotion & communication
- Routinely verifying patients' online vaccination history.



Monitoring and documenting

- PRDOH data entry personnel assigned to Voces for PRIR updating
- Weekly progress reports
- Event closing reports certified by Ms. Nuria Soto (PRDOH)
- Continuous communication with the CDCF team members and PRDOH



- Exceeded goals & objectives
 - Contributed to prevent flu epidemic and fewer deaths associated to flu
 - Contributed to people's knowledge of flu
- Impacted vulnerable communities and new vaccinees
- Forged new alliances and collaborations related to relief efforts
- Opportunities for greater impact

Summary





The VOCES team



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