

Disaster Recovery in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

NHIT created the CARE Campaign with partners Sprint, Healthcare Ready, and The Primary Care Association to provide emergency power, medical supplies, communications, and telemedicine support after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

The campaign provided internet, laptops, and communications equipment to over 100 clinics across severely affected regions of underserved Puerto Rico, allowing health centers to resume critical health services.

## **EMERGENCY AID**

- ♦ 80 two-way radios
- ♦ 150 Smart Phones
- ♦ 12 INSPIRA Health Centers
- ♦ 6 SatCom internet relays
- ♦ "Clinic in a Box" kits

## **ONGOING SUPPORT**

Health care and Health IT infrastructure are both critical enablers for disaster resiliency and NHIT understands the Importance of health information technology and innovation in building a 21st Century Health ecosystem.

Grant funding from the USVI Department of Human Services and the Office of Insular Affairs have allowed the CARE Campaign to continue the work of convening experts from government, community organizations, and industry in a series of congressional briefings, educational webinars, town hall sessions, and health innovation summits.

## **FUNDED SESSIONS**

- **Health IT Innovation to Address Health Disparities**
- **Population Health Data**
- **Disaster Preparedness and Social Determinants of Health**
- NHIT USVI Listening Sessions
- **Health Innovation Summit**
- **Community Transformation Forum**

As a result of these combined efforts, the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (HHS-CMS) approved \$14.9M to fund a USVI Health Information Exchange.