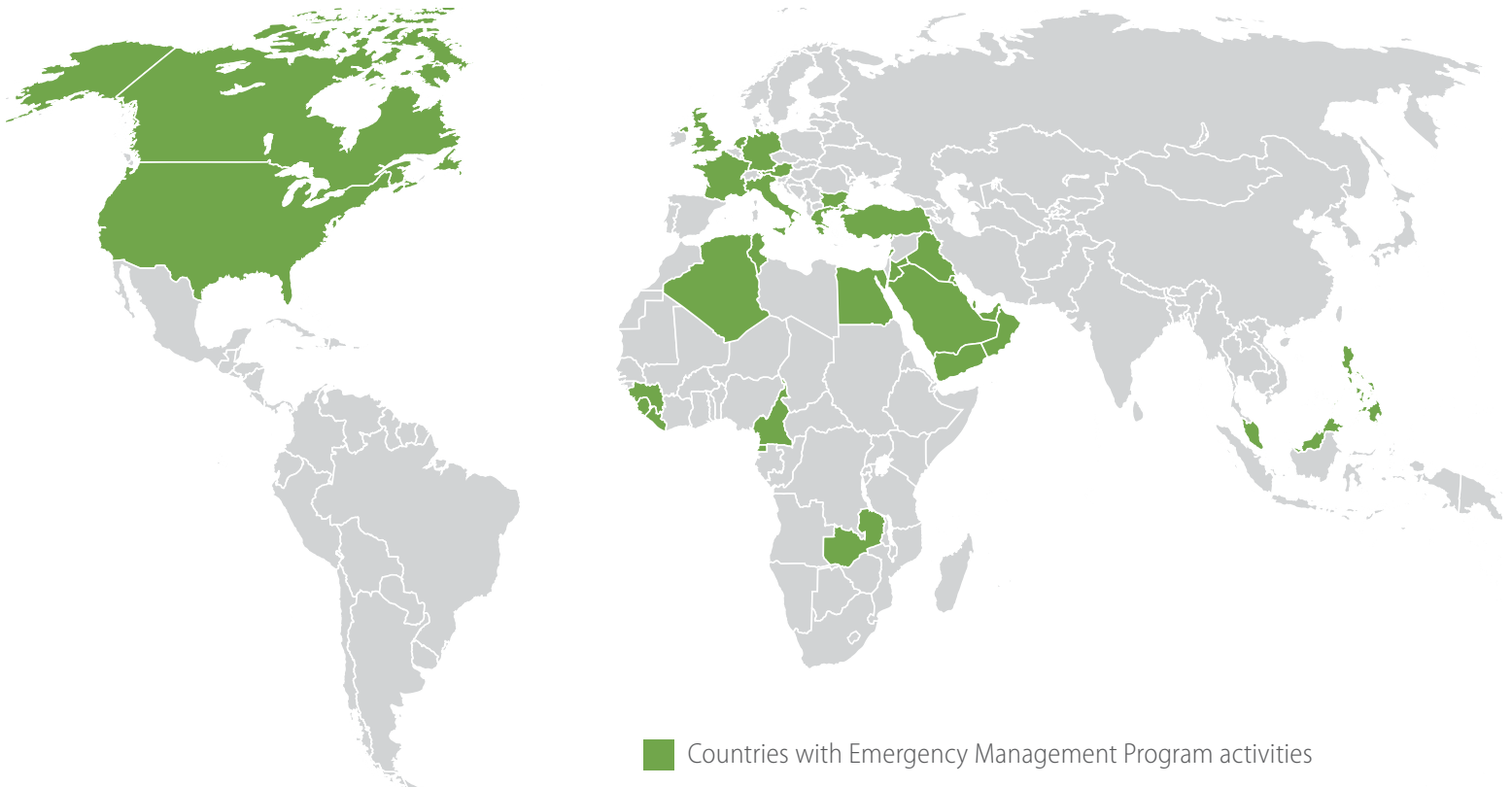


# Priority 1: **Improving Health Security**

Strengthening global health security is a U.S. government and CDC priority. CDC works with other federal agencies, nations, international organizations, and public and private stakeholders to accelerate progress toward a world that is safe and secure from infectious disease threats and to promote global health security as an international

security priority. The Emergency Management Program (EMP) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) provide training and technical assistance to other countries by conducting exercises and responding to real public health emergencies in the United States and abroad.<sup>3</sup>

## Global Emergency Management Program Activities, 2014



**Across the 62 PHEP awardees in the U.S., including the 4 localities and 8 insular areas, Emergency Management Program activities included:**

- 1 activation
- 241 engagements
- 109 exercises

**Internationally, Emergency Management Program activities across 29 countries included:**

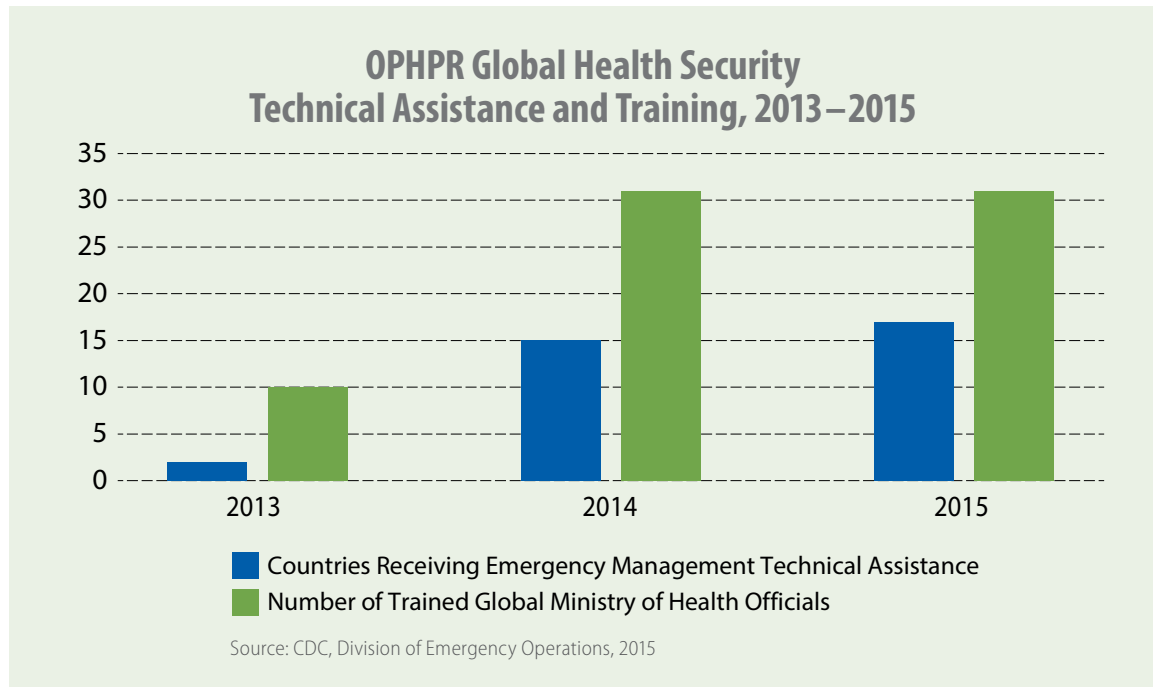
- 25 activations
- 7 engagements

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix A for a list of all domestic and international EMP activities during 2014.

## Emergency Management Program's Global Health Security Agenda Activities

In addition to the global EMP activities noted in the map above, CDC strengthens public health emergency management capacity among the international public health community by

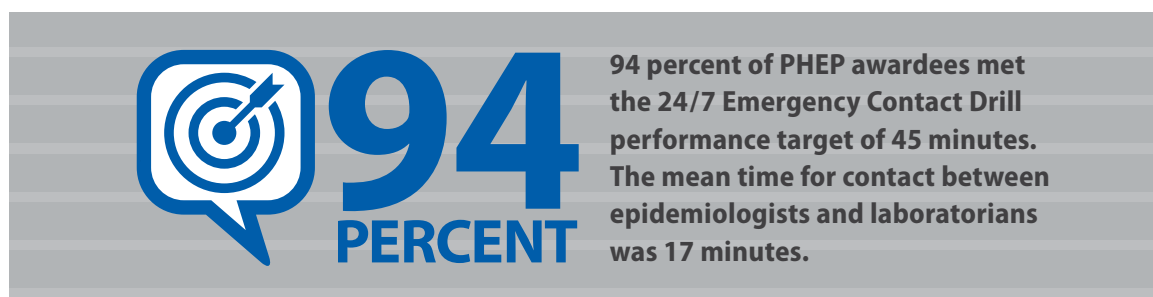
providing technical assistance and training. These Global Health Security Agenda activities increased significantly from 2013–2014, and stayed about the same from 2014–2015.



## Domestic EMP Activities

The EMP and EOC supported domestic activities in addition to those referenced in the map above (Global Emergency Management Program Activities, 2014), including:

- Planning and participating in **three exercises** within the National Exercise Program Capstone Exercise, which improved CDC's ability to support the United States Government during emergencies.
- Responding to more than **29,000 calls** from the public, state health departments, clinicians, and hospitals.
- Participating in **two emergency contact drills** with (PHEP) awardees.



## Health Security through the Strategic National Stockpile



The SNS is a national repository of large quantities of medicines, vaccines, and other medical supplies stored in strategic locations around the nation. These supplies protect the American public if there is a public health emergency (i.e., terrorist attack, influenza outbreak, earthquake) severe enough to deplete local supplies. CDC conducts training and exercises to prepare state and local health departments to respond effectively during an emergency when SNS assets are deployed.

In 2014, CDC:

- **Supported 22 exercises** at CDC facilities and throughout the nation to ensure partners are better prepared to dispense medical countermeasures (MCM) in a public health emergency.
- **Trained 1,992** federal, state, territorial, and local emergency responders on SNS assets and capabilities.
- **Conducted a planning workshop** for addressing pediatric surge in Salt Lake City, Utah, attended by 60 community participants and several federal agency representatives resulting in the creation of a regional (five-state) Pediatric Disaster Coalition.
- **Established a new partnership with Walgreens** to support the national distribution and dispensing of medical countermeasures during a public health disaster.
- **Partnered with FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness** to save more than \$200,000 in MCM training costs and train 100 state, local, tribal, and territorial responders in Strategic National Stockpile management.

