The responses indicated that 4,714 MRC volunteers from across the country donated a total of 45,042 hours of service toward Challenge Award projects.

Impact of the 2015–2016 Challenge Awards

First launched in 2013, the MRC Challenge Awards support innovation in four focus areas aligned with national health initiatives that are also significant at the community level.

- **76%** of Challenge Award recipients reported forming or promoting new partnerships through implementing their project.
- **60%** indicated that they offered community or MRC training opportunities.
- **70%** reported that they educated the community in some capacity around public health or emergency preparedness.
- **16%** reported that their projects involved elements of research and evaluation.