

# ENGAGING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCY PLANS FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MARIA

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- Host Org: Foundation for Puerto Rico (FPR)
  - Mission: Transform Puerto Rico into a global destination, by creating socio-economic development opportunities
  - Focuses: Visitor Economy, Resilience, and Strategic Innovation
- The Whole Community Resiliency Program (WCRP)
  - Goals: (1) Create recovery solutions by enhancing individual and collective prep for future events; (2) Ensure greater resilience at community and island level
- Colaboratorio: Laboratory of Collaboration



- What did Hurricane Maria expose?
  - The lack of an efficient healthcare system
  - Aging infrastructure
  - Income inequality
  - A growing poverty rate
  - The persistence of structures built within floodplains
- What will the WCRP result in?
  - Comprehensive community recovery plans whose benefits will enable communities to develop policies; planning and management capacity to coordinate and advocate local needs to municipal, state, and federal agencies and representatives
  - Effective plans are developed collaboratively, with the input of residents, subject-matter experts, and local stakeholders



- The WCRP's 6 core areas: Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing, and Infrastructure
- The facilitation of weekly meetings to create a framework for CRP development activities - 4 phases:
  1. Analyze existing conditions
  2. Perform a high risk and vulnerability assessment
  3. Define and prioritize resilience actions
  4. Prepare a strategy for implementation of selected resilience actions
- What does engagement and participation in the WCRP look like?
  - Reviewing and validating community data, hosting public meetings with community stakeholders, organizing meetings in the municipalities, and distributing educational materials





## A Note on Hurricane Fiona

- Some areas of Puerto Rico got over 30 inches of rain
- More than 900,000 are still without power
- Hundreds of thousands are still without clean water
- Several mutual aid, non-profits (like FPR) are providing on-the-ground relief and emergency aid, but there is a significant need to rebuild
- As climate change advances, these events will only occur more frequently



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