HURRICANE MARIA: REFLECTING ON RELATIONSHIPS & THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY NURSING
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HURRICANE MARIA: REFLECTIONS
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The toll taken by Hurricane Maria:
• From **2,658 to 3,290 estimated deaths**
• **80%** of the power grid knocked down with 100% of residences left without electricity. (Period of 6-8 months for partial recovery)
• Thousands without running water for months
• **70,0000** homes destroyed and 250,000 withstood major damage
• **20%** cellular communications towers down and the rest inoperable due to massive blackout
• **200,000** migrated
• Over **400,000** FEMA individual assistance applications **approved out of over a million**
Commentary | How Hurricane Maria has become Puerto Rico’s Katrina

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Hurricane Maria recovery highlights Puerto Rico inequalities

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press
OCTOBER 25, 2017, 11:30 AM | VEGA BAJA, PUERTO RICO

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Puerto Rico’s culture of community helped it survive the health effects of Hurricane Maria

The rest of the world can learn from Puerto Rican communities rallying together to recover from a natural disaster fuelled by climate change.

UB School of Law Responds

The Forgotten People: Puerto Rico’s Elderly and Disabled After Hurricane Maria

Seniors in Puerto Rico Face Appalling Conditions After Hurricane Maria
Hurricane Maria
San Juan
El Mani-Fishing Costal Community
MAYAGUEZ, PR
Shelter in Fajardo
Las Marias & Guanica
(RE) DEFINING COMMUNITY
Hurricane María: Juntos es Posible Tour
The Elderly in Isolation after Maria
AARP Volunteers in Action
Fundación AARP en Puerto Rico - $810K

- Fundación Ángel Ramos - $100K
  - Centros de Cuido Diurno
- Foundation for Puerto Rico – $100k
  - Villa Calma / Toa Baja
- Instituto Desarrollo Socioeconómico y Vivienda – $100k
  - Remodelación de Casas
- Fundación Acceso a la Justicia – $100k
  - 5 distritos Judiciales
- Fundación de Chef Andrés - $100k
- Hispanic Federation - $75k
- Cruz Roja - $65k
- Habitat for Humanity - $70k
- Nueva oportunidad en área afectada por Irma por determinar - $100k
Geographic Community: When Disaster Strikes, Your Neighborhood is Your Community…
The Broader Support System

The Governors, Mayor and Me
San Juan, PR La Fortaleza
Mayaguez-Hometown and Family
The Disaster Lifecycle: What Actions Can Communities Take?
Livable Communities Lessons Learned:

1. Land Use Planning - spread out development results in a more vulnerable utilities infrastructure in a disaster
2. We need better services networks in the urban areas to improve access to services and a faster disaster recovery
3. New face of poverty is the elderly living alone and isolated suburban areas
4. Stronger local government engagement in emergency preparedness building a profile and a census of the elderly in the communities
5. All condos have become independent living facilities – we need better planning to access products and services because of mobility issues
6. Better access to healthcare services network to save life's
7. Individuals suffer less from posttraumatic stress in communities with high social capital
Hurricane Maria: Reflecting on Relationships and the Role of Community Nursing (Putting It All Together)

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Financing Supplies & Shipment Costs

Puerto Rico
Governor Murphy, NJ Puerto Rican Stakeholders

Meet PR Governor & Officials
Next Steps

Mayaguez, PR
Homeward Bound

West Coast of Island, Arecibo Church Clinics-RN & MD from PA, Family, Home

Stand Up 2 Cancer, AA Known Shipper ID?

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New Partners
Saved the Day

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Fundraising
Infusion of New Donors

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Donations Overflow

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Local News, Print & Social Media

Media
Getting the Word Out

Leadership
President-NJ chapter

National Association Hispanic Nurses

Cost for Cargo "Jones Act"
Port of San Juan, PR

Organize Supply Drive
Collected 2000 lbs Supplies

RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

Meet with Mayor
9/24/2018

Launch Campaign
Build Capacity

Container Arrives in PR
Limited Reach Across Island

Call to Action
Develop Plan to Aid victims

Hurricane Maria Slams into Puerto Rico
9/21/2017

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Recruiting Volunteers

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Collaborated w/ PR Org & Shipped Supplies to Puerto Rico

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