

Grantee focus on Climate Resilience

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PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICO) filed a mandamus petition against the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DRNA, Spanish acronym) and the Climate Change Expert and Advisory Committee (CEACC, Spanish acronym). A mandamus is an order from a court to an inferior government official ordering the official to properly fulfill their duties, and Judge Alfonso Martínez Piovanetti granted the mandamus stating that the two government bodies must comply with regulations put forth by the Climate Change Act (Public Law 33-2019).

Four Robeson County, N.C. residents connected to ROBESON COUNTY COOPERATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (NORTH CAROLINA) created a Disaster Survival and Resiliency School to engage community residents impacted by climate disasters as leaders and equal partners in revisioning and redeveloping their communities and lives. Part of the schools "curriculum" is a "disaster justice tour," housing research on abandoned homes, and campaigns against major polluters.

IDEBAJO (PUERTO RICO) focused on the issues that required urgent attention after Hurricane Fiona through a donation center led and organized by community members. They used the donation center to meet people's immediate needs and to mobilize community members around the structural problems that intensified the disaster. Through this, IDEBAJO expanded the organizational structure (i.e. people joined their efforts), improved their ability to coordinate with allies and the diaspora, allowed them to tackle public policies, and sharpened their target on corporations that exacerbate the vulnerable conditions of southern Puerto Rico.



Screen capture from *NC Disaster Survival & Resiliency School*

EXAMPLES FROM 2022

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(SOUTH CAROLINA) was able to leverage funding from Amplify Fund, and others, to raise \$616,000 in service of assisting the Rosemont Community in creating its own response to flooding and neighborhood resilience. The new resiliency plan will primarily propose nature-based adaptation and mitigation strategies, and will focus on: how water moves through the two neighborhoods, what types of green infrastructure will be most effective on residential properties, and where soil remediation projects can be placed

HASER (PUERTO RICO) was one of nine organizations that led the Fiona Community Response to address emergencies in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona, providing direct support and promoting a dignified recovery. HASER supported logistics, communication, coordination among organizations, conducting needs assessments, and accessing supplies.

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