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Dear friends,

Our commitment to deep, relational grantmaking means that, in addition to our long-term commitment to racial justice powerbuilding, we respond during crises of all kinds. Crises that affect 1) all our grantees partners, like COVID; 2) individual grantee partners; and 3) grantee partners in just one of our eight places as was the case when Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina, and as is the case right now in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona.

The hurricane, which made landfall on September 18, has caused archipelago-wide power outages, water shortages, and flooding. Over these past 10 days, all of our grantee partners in Puerto Rico have moved into action, many providing direct services and mutual aid since they know that building power in communities is not possible without people having their basic needs met.

We encourage you to review the list of response initiatives below and to contribute, share with your networks, and make the case for support within your institutions. We, at Amplify Fund, are here to support you in any way we can.

-- Melody, Renata and Nicole (The Amplify staff team)

HASER
AYUDA LEGAL
TALLER SALUD

Started the *Fiona Community Response Fund* in partnership with the Maria Fund and other movement organizations to address both the immediate humanitarian needs and long term power building work to advance an equitable recovery.

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EL PUENTE'S LATINO CLIMATE
ACTION NETWORK

Creating “oasis centers” throughout the island to provide shelter, safety and general community support.

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INICIATIVA DE
ECODESARROLLO DE BAHIA DE
JOBOS (IDEBAJO)

Supporting community members in southern Puerto Rico, the area hit hardest by Hurricane Fiona, with various recovery needs.

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COLECTIVA FEMINISTA

EN CONSTRUCCIÓN

Converting an abandoned building in Rio Piedras into a space for recovery and community needs.

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URBE APIE

Providing clothing, hygiene/personal care products, and food, to residents, in partnership with HASER.

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LA MARAÑA

Launched the *Fondo de Soberanía Alimentaria/Food Sovereignty Fund* to aid farmers and fishers who suffered losses due to the hurricane.

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THE FIDEICOMISO DE TIERRAS
COMUNITARIAS PARA LA
AGRICULTURA SOSTENIBLE

Protecting farmland for sustainable agriculture since greenhouse gas emissions from industrial agriculture adds to the intensity of storms.

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