


# AFTERMATH

## H U R R I C A N E M A R I A



Apply their knowledge according to their academic preparation such as facilitating workshops and preventive talks on weather events (hurricanes, earthquakes). Encourage citizen assistance through designs, drawing up plans, improvements in structures (homes, schools, hospitals), social work performance.

Increase scholarships, donations, contributions of school supplies and essential items. Use the different professions of the Faculty or Students to provide support according to the identified needs. Promote that students and faculty actively participate in forums or activities aimed at the well-being and recovery of the country. Establish a link with municipal and government entities to provide support in the distribution of aid. It is possible to work with the empowerment of students, offering them tools for loss management, resilience, integrating support groups by department.

DEVASTATING  
SACRIFICE  
INCOMUNICATION  
DARKNESS

During the hurricane, Maria stayed with my family inside my home. Although the residence is made of cement, water entered the house through the front door and aluminum windows. After the passage of the hurricane we went to check family and friends, some of them lost their residences, their belongings, I remember some garages and grocery stores that suffered damage. It was a time of pain and loss for many families. I remember that we spent several weeks without the service of electricity and drinking water. We had to make purchases almost daily to prevent food damage.

Something that I will always remember was the solidarity between families and neighbors we helped each other, both in the collection of debris, and in sharing some ice. It was a moment of hopelessness and anguish for our Puerto Rican families. There was a lot of difficulty since the telephone lines were dropped, we had to be looking for a signal to communicate with our family abroad. It was a sad experience, but unforgettable, there was much desolation. The important thing about this was the resilience of each Puerto Rican at a time as difficult as Hurricane Maria was. Although we have improved in some facets, there are still many families with unresolved needs because of this climate event.

