

MY EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE HURRICANE WAS BASED ON PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WITH MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. BUT ONE VIVID MEMORY CONSISTED OF ME HEARING THE NEWS VIA THE RADIO STATIONS. THIS WAS OF RELEVANCE BECAUSE BACK THEN IT WAS THE ONLY WAY OF KNOWING WHAT WAS PUERTO RICO GOING THRU. THE IMPACT OF THE AFTERMATH WAS HORRIBLE, ALL THE NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WERE TALKING ABOUT IT AND THE CONCERNED WAS THE WELLBEING OF THE RESIDENTS. MANY PEOPLE WERE LEFT WITHOUT A HOME, FOOD AND MEDICAL ATTENTION. THIS CAUSES CONSEQUENCES AND RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF 4,645 PEOPLE. THE NEWS SPREAD QUICKLY AND SOON AFTER ALL THE MEDIA OUTLETS COVERED THE TRAGIC REALITY THAT STRUCK PUERTO RICO. NONETHELESS, THE PEOPLE MANAGED TO ARISE FROM THIS MATTER AND STAND TOGETHER STRONGER.

I THINK THAT AFTER THE HURRICANE THE STUDENTS REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE CATASTROPHIC EVENTS. ALTHOUGH IT ISN'T IN THEIR HANDS, SCHOLAR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THERE NEEDS IN THIS SITUATION. FROM THE IMPACT IN OUR SOCIETY LEED BY THESE EVENTS, UNIVERSITIES MUST RESTRUCTURE THEIR PROGRAMS IN PREPARATION FOR THESE OCCURRENCES, SUCH AS HANDLING OUT FOODS, SUPPLIES AND OTHER HUMAN ESSENTIAL NEEDS. BUT OTHER TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL STATE OF THE RESIDENTS. SOME WOULD BE COMPOSED OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LIKE DOING A CAMPAIGN FOR SPORTS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, OR DOING ART PROGRAMS. ALL SERVING THE SAME PURPOSE OF RELIEVING THE MENTAL STATE OF CITIZENS.

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