



**All Hands and Hearts**  
Smart Response



## PUERTO RICO HURRICANE UPDATE: YABUCOA, BARRANQUITAS & TOA BAJA (DECEMBER 2018)

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES (RECOVERY PHASE)

After publicly committing to stay in Puerto Rico through September 2019, our relief efforts in the hard-hit areas of Yabucoa, Barranquitas, and Toa Baja are going strong. Among other things, we're keeping homes dry by providing safe and secure roofs. Here's what we've been up to recently:

- Corrugated iron roof rebuilds and repairs in Barranquitas
- Concrete roof repairs and sealing in Yabucoa, Barranquitas, and Toa Baja
- Mold sanitation on affected homes in Yabucoa and Toa Baja
- Critical repairs on windows and doors in Yabucoa
- Baseball field revitalization in Yabucoa



Top left: A volunteer power-washes a concrete roof in Yabucoa.  
Right: Volunteers in Barranquitas prepare a roof for the final galvalume.  
Bottom left: Volunteers install a new window in Yabucoa.





This family decided to take time out of their holiday to volunteer together. By installing the gable plywood on this house, they're helping to give another family a leak-free roof and a dry home!



Volunteers and community members gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving! These volunteers are trying their hand at carving the celebration's turkey.

## OUR IMPACT

**4,179**

PEOPLE IMPACTED

**1,060**

JOBS COMPLETED

**2,138**

VOLUNTEERS

**21,859**

VOLUNTEER DAYS

### DISASTER PROFILE

On September 20th, 2017 Hurricane Maria's 155 mph winds plowed through the island of Puerto Rico, resulting in one of the worst natural disasters in the island's history. Hurricane Maria first made landfall over the municipality of Yabucoa, affecting the 37,000 residents who call it home. This area bore the strongest brunt of the storm, where hundreds of homes are still today in need of basic roof repairs. The mountain municipality of Barranquitas, in the center of the island, was also devastated by the storm and was nearly inaccessible due to landslides for weeks. The roughly 30,000 residents in this area continue to see a great need for roofing repair and mold sanitation. Moreover, Toa Baja (the 3rd location in which All Hands and Hearts is working) suffered through not only flooding from the hurricane itself, but the subsequent release of dams, resulting in flood waters over 10 feet high.



### OUR WORK

Thanks to critical support from partners, like Medtronic and The Giustra Foundation, donors, local community, and volunteers from around the world, All Hands and Hearts - Smart Response has run impactful programs since January 2018. Our work in Yabucoa and neighboring Humacao includes mucking and gutting, mold sanitation, roof repair and critical home repairs. We are also focusing on community spaces in need of clean up/repair and will be alongside the community on the long road to recovery. Our work in Barranquitas originally included mucking/gutting and debris removal, but has shifted focus to meet the overwhelming need for resilient roofing rebuilds and mold sanitation. Our work in Toa Baja continues to consist of sanitation and debris removal, in addition to meeting the need for concrete roof repairs.

## OUR MISSION

To effectively and efficiently address the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disasters. By listening to local people, and deploying a unique model of engaging volunteers to enable direct impact, we rebuild safe, resilient schools, homes and other community infrastructure.

## OUR PUERTO RICO PARTNERS



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