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Atlantic Center for Occupational
Health and Safety Training

Promoting Health, Safety, and Recovery
Training following Declared Disasters in 2022

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	HWWT	HDPT	ECWT	Disaster
Rutgers School of Public Health	●	●	●	●
New York University	●			
University at Buffalo	●	●		
NYCOSH	●	●		
NJ State Police	●			
Make the Road New York	●		●	
NY District Council of Carpenters	●		●	
Universidad Ana G. Mendez	●	●		*
Migrant Clinicians Network		●		●
World Cares Center		●		

Activities in Puerto Rico

- Partnership with UAGM (formerly UMET) started in 2000
 - HWWT
 - HDPT in 2004
 - Supplements (Ebola, COVID)
- Migrant Clinicians Network, 2020
 - So in 2020, we included MCN as a partner in our HDPT
 - Supplements (COVID, Declared Disasters)
- Addressing Disaster Preparedness and Response Training: Needs and Opportunities in Puerto Rico Stakeholder Meeting, September 2018

Addressing Disaster Preparedness and Response Training: Action Plan

- Develop career pathways in environmental and occupational safety and health
- Develop green jobs sector to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels
- Increase disaster preparedness and response capacity of communities and municipalities across Puerto Rico
- Increase infrastructure resiliency, specifically during the rebuilding phase
- Provide disaster resiliency training so that workers are better able to handle work/disaster-related emotional/mental health issues
- Develop a cadre of effective and qualified trainers to be able to provide training across Puerto Rico
- Identify funding sources to implement the action steps outlined



Goals of Disaster Supplement

- Identify the needs and challenges regarding occupational health and safety during emergencies and disasters, including training needs, for migrant workers in Puerto Rico.
- Provide training for mold and disaster resiliency and mental health to workers and supervisors across PR.
- Coordinate and carry out training for organization staff responsible for outreach to migrant workers (community-based organizations, community health centers, government agencies, and consulates).
- Coordinate and carry out in-person and/or virtual training for migrant workers.

Target populations

- MCN will facilitate training for
 - Community Health Centers (CHCs)
 - Health departments
 - Local consulates
 - Other related organizations in Puerto Rico
- Rutgers will work with UAGM to reach
 - Collaborate with UAGM to identify populations who will attend the training
 - Emergency response agencies
 - Workers and disaster volunteers
 - Build upon the previous mold awareness training UAGM provided in Humacao and Toa Baja in 2017

Training plan

Course name	Hours	Number offered	Number trained
Disaster resiliency and mental health	4	5	60
Disaster resiliency and mental health Train-the-Trainer	12	2	20
Mold Worker	24	4	60
Mold Supervisor	8	2	20
Migrant Worker training on safe practices before, during and after disasters	2	10	100
Protecting Migrant Workers Before, During, and After Emergencies and Disasters in Puerto Rico	1	5	125



Questions

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