

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE



WHAT WE DO

Latin America and the Caribbean is the second most disaster-prone region in the world. The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) works with people, communities, and institutions to reduce loss of lives and livelihoods due to disasters so that communities can get back on their feet more quickly.

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS

PADF improves the understanding of disaster risk and the ability of people, communities, and institutions to prepare for and mitigate impacts of climate and geological hazards before disasters occur. We promote:

- Education in disaster preparedness and response at the community level.
- Linkages between governments, private sector, civil society, and hazard-prone communities.
- Technology and innovation to support decision-making in risk reduction planning and response.
- Diversification of livelihoods and business continuity planning.
- Protection of natural environments and the expansion of nature-based solutions.

IN 2020, MORE THAN
15,000 PEOPLE

BENEFITTED FROM HAZARD ASSESSMENTS AND SMALL
SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF
TROPICAL STORMS.

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STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE THROUGH LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

In November 2020, Hurricanes Eta and Iota blazed a trail of destruction across Central America. While disaster responders scrambled to provide life-saving assistance to those in need, particularly the most disadvantaged members of their communities, PADF quickly mobilized community organizations in Honduras and Guatemala to locally procure and deliver over 14,000 pounds of humanitarian assistance supplies to meet the urgent needs of 270 displaced families in the hardest hit areas.

“I WISH TO THANK PADF FOR
BEING HERE DURING THIS
EMERGENCY, ESPECIALLY SINCE
THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN
ABLE TO REACH ALL THE FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES.”

-Survivor of Hurricanes Eta and Iota in
Huehuetenango, Guatemala



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

PADF works in partnership with governments, community-based organizations, local businesses, and hazard-prone households to reduce risks and meet critical needs in the aftermath of disasters. We integrate our efforts into existing programs that strengthen sustainable livelihoods, access to health, nutrition, education, shelter, and protection for vulnerable populations.

Our efforts to reduce disaster risk include:

- Organizing disaster response teams to prepare them to manage simulations, emergency communications, light search and rescue, evacuations, and coordination with other disaster responders.
- Vocational training on hazard-resistant building materials, construction techniques, and climate-smart agriculture.
- Direct distribution of locally purchased goods, including food and water, kitchen and hygiene kits, shelter materials, and other essential items.
- Delivery and management of cash and vouchers to support flexibility, choice, and dignity of disaster-affected populations.
- Rehabilitation of vital community resources, such as water access points, housing and transportation infrastructure, educational facilities, community centers, and public markets.

ABOUT PADF

PADF believes in creating a hemisphere of opportunity, for all. We work across Latin America and the Caribbean to make our region stronger—more healthy, peaceful, just, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable for current and future generations. For nearly 60 years, we have served the most vulnerable communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere. We partner with and enable civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.



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