Puerto Rico Emergency Management and Disaster Administration Bureau

Hurricane Maria Recovery Update

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Challenges from the Emergence Management perspective

• We were blind when we lost all communications

• No communication between Local, Regional and State EOC’s.

• Lack of coordination between State Agencies, Municipalities and Federal Government

• No synchronizations of missions at all levels during the response, absence of mission assignment procedures and to many freelance.

• Lack on ICS structure
Challenges from the Emergence Management perspective (Cont.)

• Poor or no communication between State and Federal ESF’s when were integrated at the JFO

• Emergency Plans fell short to address the catastrophic event

• No logistics (fuel, commodities, etc.)
Current Situation:

- State EOC with better integration of the Federal and private sector
- Radio communications (100 watt radios for 78 municipalities, PRFD, PRPD, PREMS, PREMA and Hospitals)
- PREMA has its own IPAWS and with a second station or redundancy on the 9-1-1 Center
- Tsunami Alert sirens – only 9 of 48 Tsunami ready municipalities has working sirens
What we are doing different?

- New operations at the State EOC
  - NQS, Command and Control
  - ESF/Branches
  - FEDRAL ESF’s seated and working together with State ESF as partners
  - CAD for missions assignment

- New State Catastrophic Plan synchronized with the plans of the municipalities and FEMA

- Private sector with their own ESF (17) at the State EOC with permanent representation. Also integration of the ESF-16 and ESF-18
What we are doing different?

- Guajataca DAM emergency alerting system integrated with IPAWS
- State warehouses with commodities
- Community Hub concept as a PREMA response
Questions?