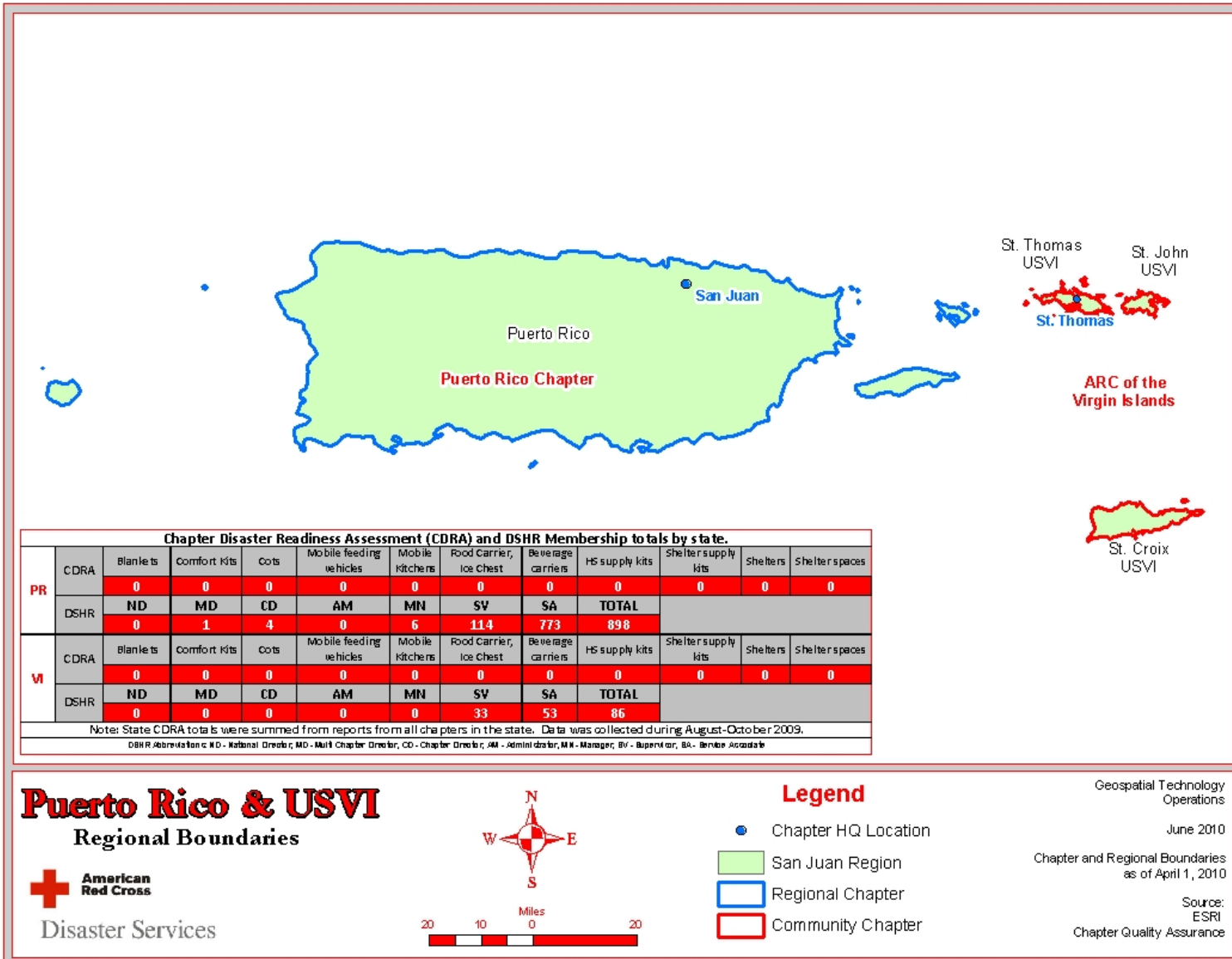




# Puerto Rico Hurricane Readiness

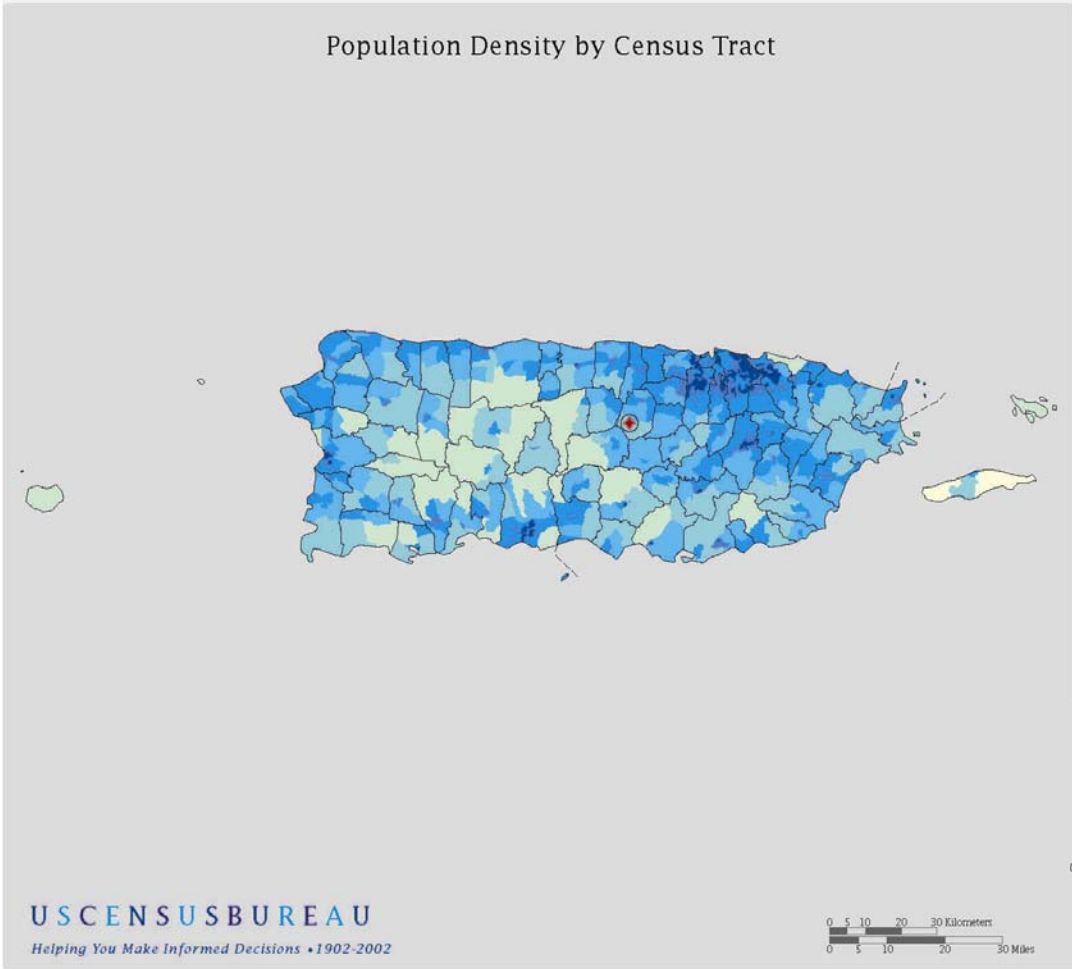
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# Census 2000: Puerto Rico Profile

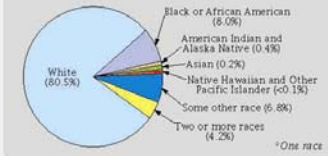
Population Density by Census Tract



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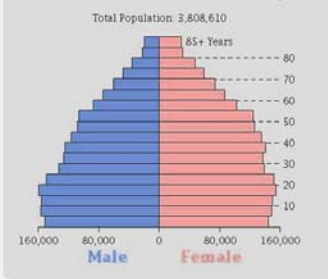
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Puerto Rico Race<sup>a</sup> Breakdown



Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up **98.8%** of the population.

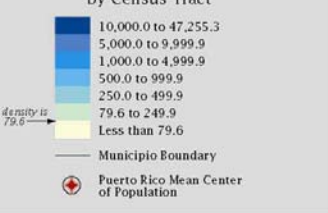
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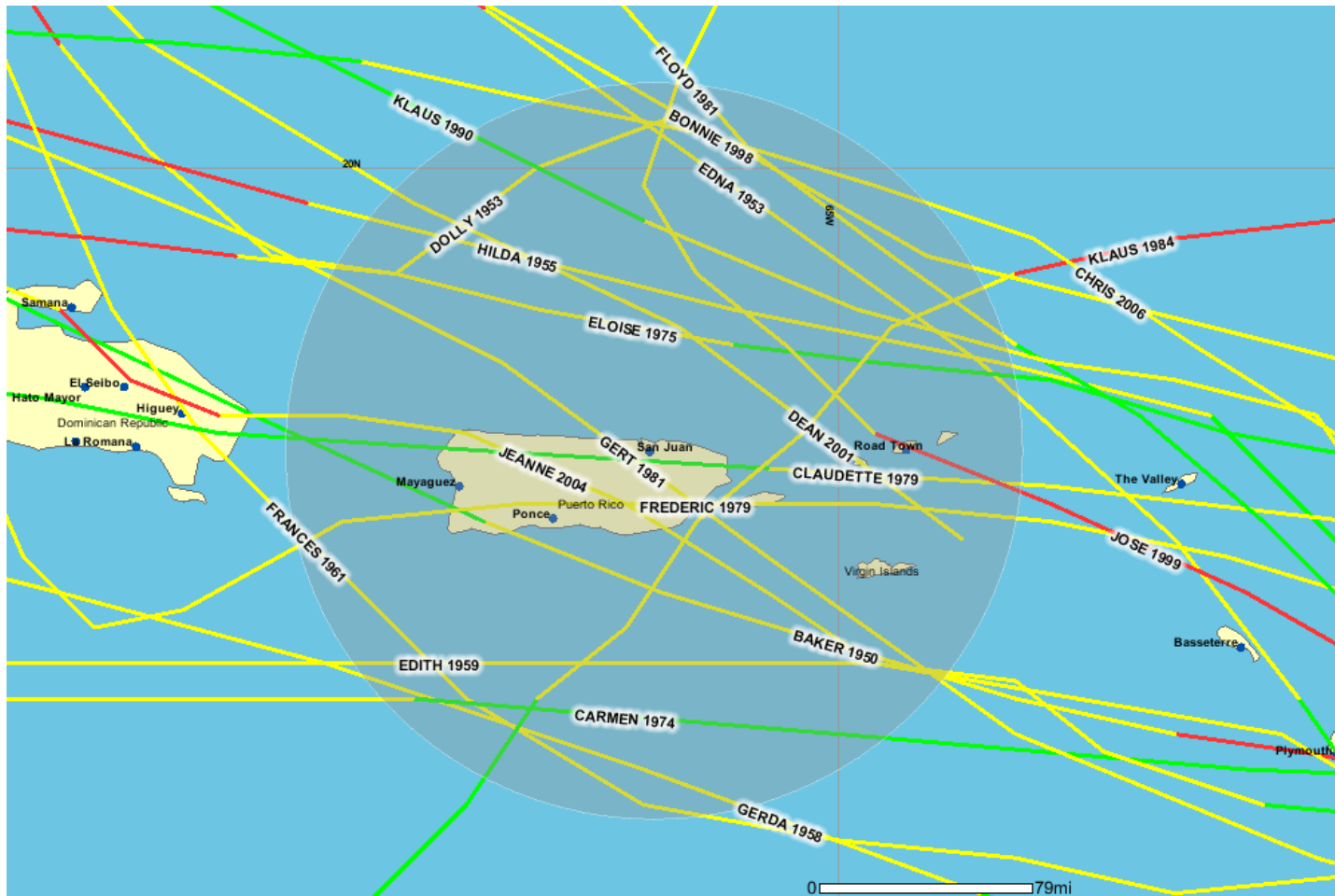


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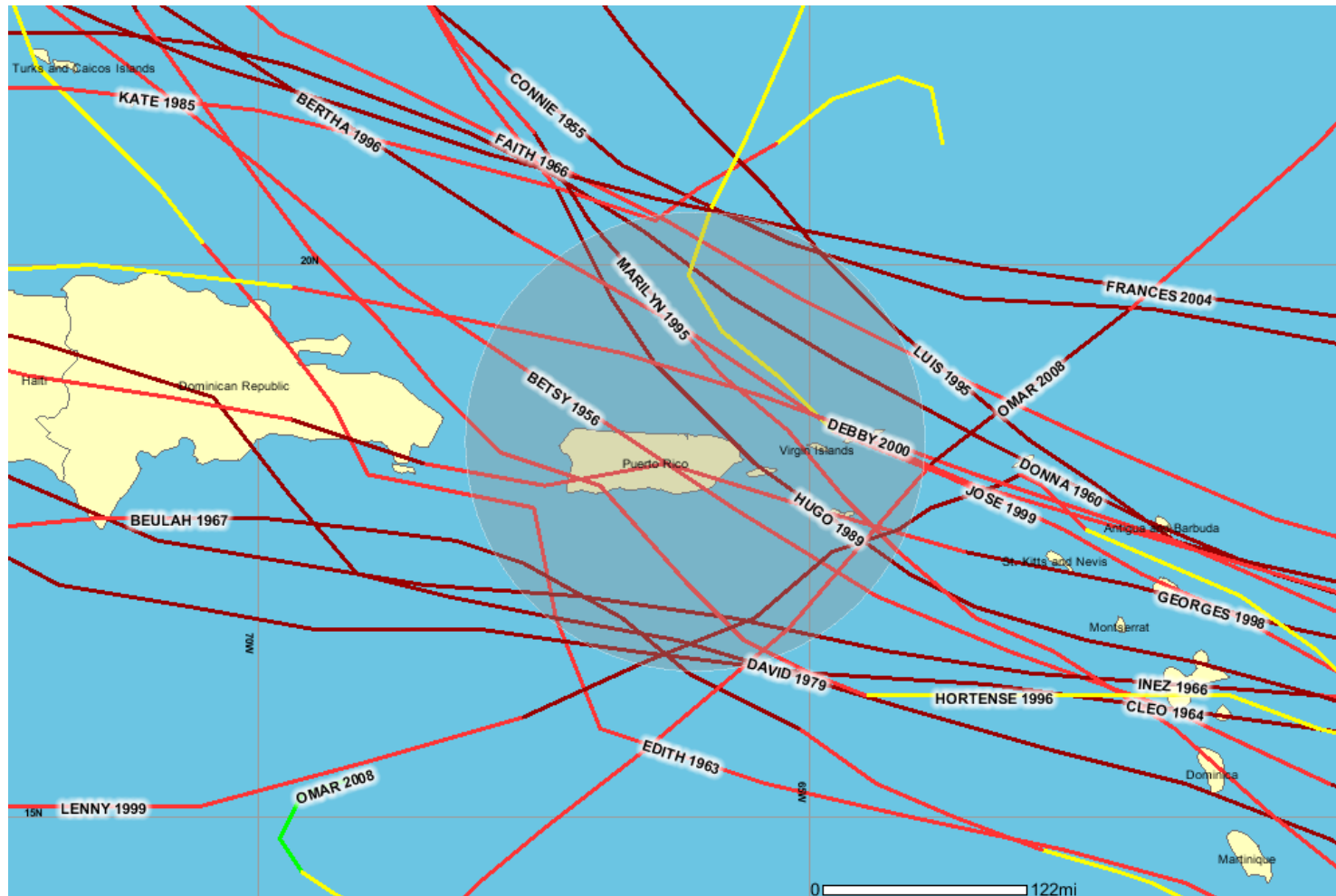


# PR has a long history of Tropical Storms





# And Hurricanes





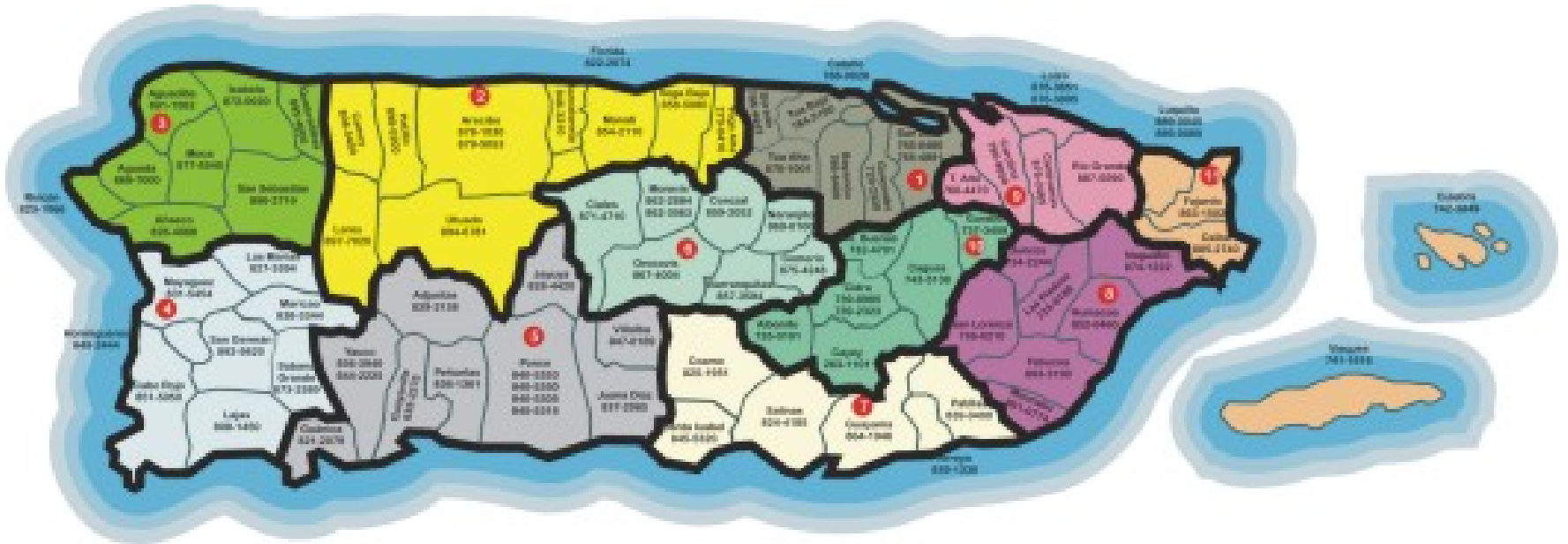
## What's Unique about Puerto Rico

- ◆ There is a territory government and 78 municipal governments
- ◆ Each municipality has their own EMA office
- ◆ Puerto Rico EMA (AEMEAD - Agencia Estatal para el Manejo de Emergencias y Administración de Desastres) has 11 zone offices and the territorial headquarters in San Juan
- ◆ The American Red Cross does not manage shelters in Puerto Rico
- ◆ In a major disaster the chapter CEO sits on the Governor's cabinet
- ◆ FEMA Region II has a Caribbean Area Division (CAD) in San Juan that would staff an IMAT for PR





# AEMEAD Zones





## **Government Expectations of the American Red Cross**

- ◆ **Provide material support to shelters (comfort products) and DMHS staff**
- ◆ **Operate 14 bulk distribution sites**
- ◆ **Conduct Disaster Assessment**
- ◆ **Participate in a Joint Information Center**
- ◆ **Staff the zone and territory EOC**
- ◆ **Provide individual financial assistance**





## Cruz Roja Puerto Rico

- ◆ Regional chapter for PR and the USVI
- ◆ Utilizes a 96 hour time line for hurricane response
- ◆ Works closely with AEMEAD and FEMA CAD
- ◆ Has a leadership team, building towards a level III CDRA goal
  - 7 Managers or Chiefs
- ◆ NHQ warehoused supplies



## **Non-Government Partners**

- ◆ **United Way**
- ◆ **The Salvation Army**
- ◆ **Lions Club**
- ◆ **Cadets Medicos Adventistas**
- ◆ **Banco de Alimentos de P.R.**
- ◆ **Rotary Club**
- ◆ **ASPCA**
- ◆ **ASPEN**



# Puerto Rico DFSC Resources

	<b>PR DFSC*</b>
<b>Cots</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Blankets</b>	<b>3,350</b>
<b>Comfort Kits</b>	<b>7,744</b>
<b>Clean up kits</b>	<b>5,810</b>
<b>Food/Beverage Carriers</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Ice Chests</b>	<b>1,746</b>
<b>Trash Bags</b>	<b>96,544</b>
<b>* DFSC may be decommissioned FY11</b>	



## Key Challenges for PR

- ◆ Leadership development
- ◆ Recruiting, training, and deploying staff on the island after a major storm
  - Cultural
  - Language
  - Logistical (both intra and inter-island)
- ◆ Collaborating with partners
- ◆ Government down-sizing – implications for ARC



## Successes

- ◆ **Managed three level II and one level III disasters utilizing all local staff**
- ◆ **Increased capacity in health and mental health services through ARC and partner developments**
- ◆ **Success in promoting 5 staff (volunteer and paid) to manager level**



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