

# Acacia Network by the Numbers!

## Our Work in Puerto Rico

In 2020, Acacia Network continued to solidify our presence in Puerto Rico through our earthquake relief efforts, which included visits to underserved communities to carry out informational workshops, wellness initiatives, and music & artistic interventions, and to provide critical supplies & equipment. Our efforts later pivoted to COVID-19 relief, as the pandemic further exacerbated health and economic disparities across the Island.

Throughout this time, we have worked with diverse nonprofit, community-based, private, and government partners, including: Banco Popular; Fundación Banco Popular; ERS Consulting; Executive Home Search; Enlace Técnico; Young and de la Sota Architects; R4 Capital; EcoBuilders; Municipality of Toa Alta; Municipality of Caguas; Marvel Marchand Architects; Manchester Bidwell Corporation; SIM - Salud Integral de la Montaña; SANOS / Caguas; Mezcolanza; Sistema de Salud Menonita; Meson del Amor; SAPR - Proyecto de Salud y Acupuntura para el Pueblo; Ministerio Marc; Esperanza para la Vejez, among others.



**4,000+** meals distributed during earthquake and COVID-19 efforts



**20+** partners from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors engaged



**100+** units of affordable, green housing for vulnerable individuals



**1,000+** supplies delivered, including mosquito nets, solar lamps, and more

### Earthquake Relief



In 2020, Acacia Network launched an initiative titled “Brigadas al Sur” in collaboration with 15+ local partners to provide direct aid and services to communities affected by the earthquakes in the southwest region of the Island. Among other resources, we provided:

- Approximately 1,000 meals
- Nearly 600 body massages
- More than 500 acupuncture sessions
- More than 160 haircuts
- 1,000 mosquito nets, solar lamps, and school supplies

### COVID-19 Response



Acacia Network’s crisis response work in Puerto Rico was expanded in 2020 through an initiative titled “Sustento en Red”, aimed at serving communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including seniors and other vulnerable individuals.

Among other resources, we distributed **over 3,000 meals and grocery boxes** to individuals and communities at risk of going hungry.

### Affordable Housing



- **Palacio Dorado:** An affordable housing complex developed by Acacia Network in Toa Alta, PR serving 100+ seniors. In September 2020, it was awarded an ENERGY STAR Score of 100, meaning it is more energy efficient than 100% of similar properties nationwide.
- **Resilient Prototype Home:** A project in Caguas, PR that aims to provide long-term sustainable, green, and resilient housing for two (2) low-moderate income families, while creating a scalable model for implementation across the island and in other disaster and non-disaster areas.

### Workforce Development



Acacia Network is part of a multisector effort to develop the Puerto Rico Centro de Artes y Tecnología Corp. (PRCAT). PRCAT was established in 2018 to address deteriorating education and employment trends on the island, and includes a visual arts training program for at-risk youth and a career training program for adults-in-transition.

PRCAT is working with the National Center of Arts and Technology to open a CAT in San Juan by 2022.