

para la
Naturaleza

CINCO DÉCADAS

Conservando
el futuro

PARA LA NATURALEZA SOLIDARITY FUND

In response to the global pandemic, cities, states, and countries have adjusted their lifestyles. In Puerto Rico, this is one of the most recent debilitating events to affect us consecutively since 2017.

To move forward, we need to recognize nature as part of our health model. At Para la Naturaleza, we know that natural spaces are crucial for the recovery and healing of Puerto Rico. Our response is to provide nature-based solutions to the challenges we face. To advance that vision of conservation, we have created the **Para la Naturaleza Solidarity Fund**.

The Fund fosters the well-being of ecosystems, communities, and cultural capital that is uniquely Puerto Rican. We are implementing five projects to present nature-based solutions with communities throughout the islands of Puerto Rico. For the well-being of all, support us in reaching these goals.

TREES THAT RESTORE THE SOIL

Ecosystem health through reforestation - The health of our ecosystems and our health is one. Together, we will produce and plant a total of 100,000 trees annually in the islands of Puerto Rico, mitigating heat, cleaning the air, purifying water, and healing the soils for the well-being of all species.

Goal: Produce and plant 100,000 trees annually together with volunteers, communities, and allied organizations

SOIL THAT NOURISHES FOOD

Food and nutritional health through agroecology - Access to ecological food sources leads to healthier individuals and communities. Para la Naturaleza unites community leaders with organic farmers to create a temporary distribution network of locally grown produce for families throughout Puerto Rico.

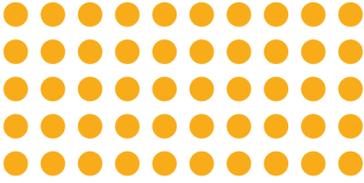
Goal: Support our agroecological network to impact over 1,000 families with the distribution of boxes of locally grown food



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FOOD THAT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES

Community health through education and nutrition - Healthy soils enable communities to feed themselves. Together with our network of ecological farmers, we are developing digital and on-site workshops to train and empower communities through the creation of agroecological gardens, decreasing food insecurity, and increasing long-term sustainability. At the same time, we are working to strengthen the resilience of 33 community centers across the Islands.

Goal: Support the creation of 10 community gardens and offer a series of agroecology workshops

COMMUNITIES THAT SHAPE A CULTURE

Cultural health through historical preservation - The health of our spaces elevates the health of our culture. In Puerto Rico, there are over 8,000 buildings of high historical value. Many of these buildings are home to proprietors who live below the poverty level and have been severely damaged by the recent earthquakes and Hurricanes Irma and Maria. We are working to restore these spaces that contain centuries of knowledge on the adaptation to the Island's climatic conditions.

Goal: Distribute 20 micro-grants for historical structures affected by the recent earthquakes or hurricanes Irma and Maria

A CULTURE THAT CREATES A NEW PATH

Emotional health and wellness through outdoor walks - A connection to healthy ecosystems fosters wellness and health for individuals and communities. Para Naturaleza is developing six self-guided trails where people can experience this connection with the natural areas we protect and the species that inhabit them.

Goal: Create self-guided trails in six natural areas protected by Para la Naturaleza

A PATH THAT CONNECTS US WITH NATURE

For more than 50 years, we have protected natural areas and historical sites that today serve communities as oases of health. Also, we have been active participants and facilitators of a sustainable recovery in the islands of Puerto Rico. We count on your solidarity to continue our work for the well-being of natural and human ecosystems!