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| **Title of Workshop** Women are the backbone: health promotion, gender equity and post disaster crisis and recovery efforts (Hurricane Maria and Hurricane Irma) in Puerto Rico. |
| **Maximum 2500 characters (including spaces but excluding title)**  In 2017, two devastating hurricanes impacted Puerto Rico in a three week period. As women and community members became the first responders to the emergency, Taller Salud, a women’s health organization in Puerto Rico, leverage response and recovery relief efforts with a gender analysis approach, health promotion strategies and pursuit of accountable governance in response and resource allocation.  **Objectives**   1. Describe Puerto Rico colonial socio political background as it relates to hurricane's response and recovery process. 2. Explain and discuss cultural specific approach to attend women vulnerability to sexual and reproductive health problems; economic disparities and gender based violence in emergency scenarios. 3. Share and link the lessons learned for enhancing capacity to uplift leadership, identify, address, and evaluate community health.   **Format**  Presentation  Open group dialogue  Small group exercises  **Learning goals**   1. Broaden understanding of systemic neglect and violence as it relates to “natural disasters” and women. 2. Apply social determinants of health analysis and gender lens to asses “natural disasters” relationship to power and social structures. 3. Relate to health promotion through the experience of women and communities in Puerto Rico |