



National Institute of  
Environmental Health Sciences  
*Worker Training Program*

# Training workers & Homeowners Responding to Harvey, Irma & Maria

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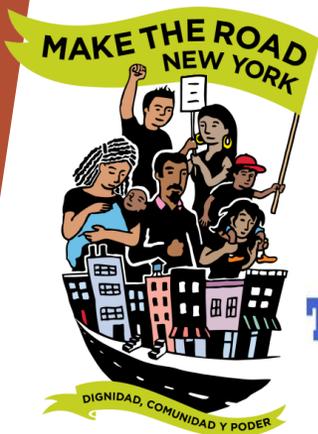
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**UNITED STEELWORKERS**  
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UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR WORKERS

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NATIONAL DAY LABORER ORGANIZING NETWORK

**CWA**



# Work Performed:

- ▶ Identification of local organizations that can provide safe spaces for workers & training, outreach has been performed with organizations in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.
- ▶ Deployment of SERTS Specialized Emergency Response Trainers
- ▶ Deployment by NDLOM organizations to survey and offer OSHA 10 hour courses
- ▶ Train the Trainer for Mold awareness
- ▶ Community assessment and outreach



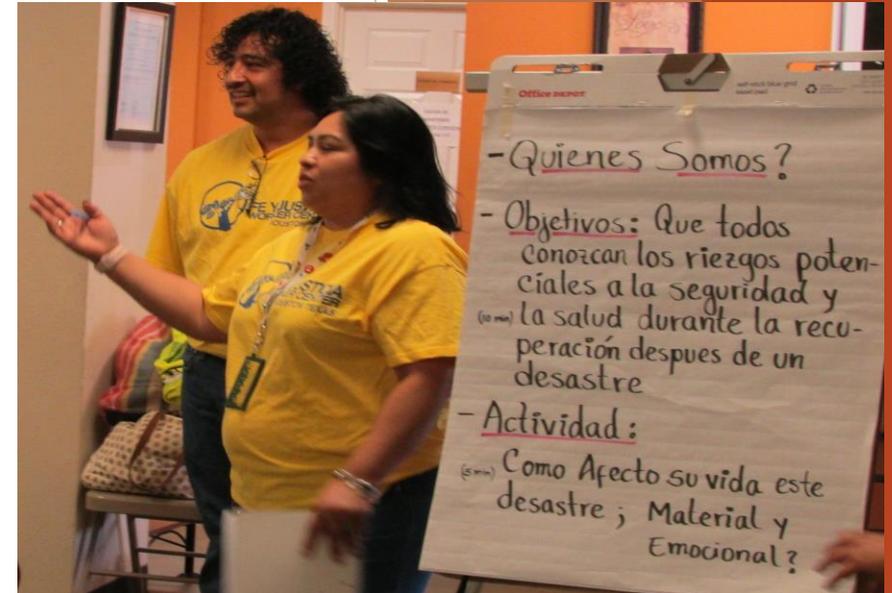
# Extensive outreach

- ▶ Institutional Outreach
- ▶ Mobilization of training materials
- ▶ Worker Outreach, where and when workers are in the area.
- ▶ Distribution of booklets and PPE



# Houston

- ▶ Provided support for partner organizations on the ground, facilitating 4 trainings for 62 workers. Supporting institutional capacity building
- ▶ Prepared 300 information and PPE packages for day laborers
- ▶ Outreach and had 1 on 1 conversations with 111 day laborers, on “ Protecting Workers and Health disaster Preparedness”
- ▶ Reached 228 workers and presented NIEHS materials
- ▶ Collaborated in outreaching and gathering 78 surveys
- ▶ Distributed over 100 factsheets of materials to day laborers



# Rockport

- ▶ Conducted 214 hazard recognition one on ones with workers volunteers
- ▶ Distributed 454 NIEHS books.
- ▶ Mapped areas for possible research or alliance building strategies



# Florida

- ▶ Conducted assessment and outreach to grassroots organizations and environmental groups. Including Center for Popular Democracy, New Florida Majority, Organize Florida, Central Florida Jobs with Justice
- ▶ Scheduled futures trainings and TTT
- ▶ Provided materials for local organizations



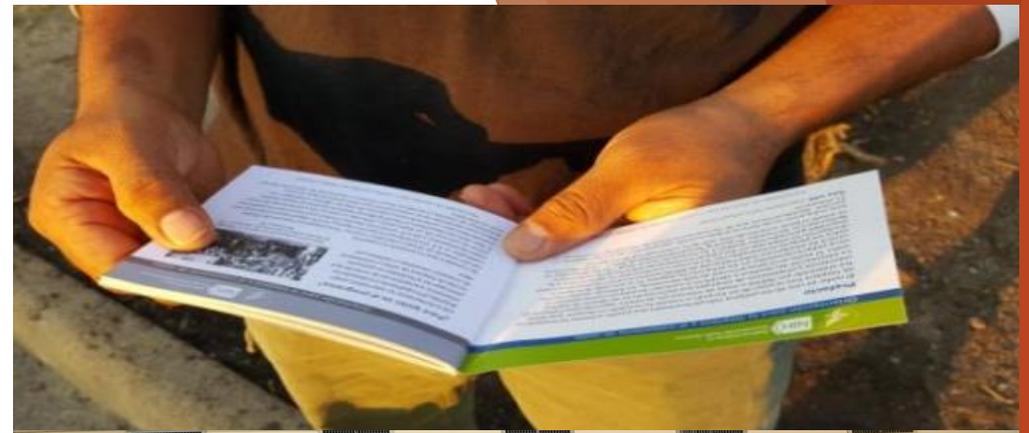
# Challenges

- ▶ Identification of local organizations with capacity and community reach.
- ▶ In uncertain times, earning trust.
- ▶ Faster grantee response resources?
- ▶ Infrastructure and lack of communication
- ▶ Amount of disasters & capacity



# The Future

- ▶ Train the Trainer program to build capacity for local organizations, “planting seeds to build power & resiliency”
- ▶ Future cadres of Authorized outreach trainers in Construction and General Industry
- ▶ Development of materials for healthy reconstruction



## Preguntas? Questions?

We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.

*Cesar Chavez*