



# The Cataño Project


Puerto Rico Redevelopment Initiatives

**UNITED CLERGY TASK FORCE**






# UCTF History

- Founded in 2015, the United Clergy Task Force is a 501c-3 non-profit, non-denominational coalition of over 50 faith organizations dedicated to community transformation through the building of affordable housing developments and commercial and community amenities. The UCTF's main development partner is the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, a \$6.3 Billion national affordable housing fund.
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# UCTF in Puerto Rico

- Distributing funds, food, water, clothing, solar lights
  - Funded and shipped institutional solar kitchens with Hindu American Seva Communities
  - In partnership with American College of Surgeons, (Operation Giving Back), Hospital of Bayamon & Health Dept of Puerto Rico; 1-2 surgeons per week will come to PR till end of year & perform surgeries at no cost to the patients
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# Cataño Redevelopment



- The leadership of the Municipality of Cataño, PR has contracted with the UCTF to do housing, commercial, social and workforce development, ceding over 200 derelict properties for redevelopment. These efforts are a springboard for training, employment, commercial investment and the long term revitalization of the City on San Juan Bay.






# Sustainable Future Through Training

To ensure the engagement of the next generation of young workers in the recovery of the island, the UCTF is acquiring a school to establish a multi-use training academy in Cataño providing training in:

- Building and construction trades
  - Electrical grid and alternate energy networks
  - Health Care human services
  - Arts and cultural programs
  - Culinary and hospitality
  - Agricultural development
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# UCTF Partners

- Office of the Mayor, Catano, PR
  - AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust
  - Consortium for Worker Education (training program design and content)
  - Hindu American Seva Communities
  - FREE (NY based youth service providers)
  - Children's Village (NY based youth service providers)
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# Summary

The UCTF and its partners will ensure employment for participants by working with Municipal agencies to foster long term regional economic development efforts.

- HIT funded construction and rehab of affordable housing and commercial properties
  - Engagement with municipal authorities in infrastructure and grid development
  - Engagement with tourism and hospitality industry
  - National model for long term disaster recovery through investment and socially relevant programs
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# Contact the UCTF:

- Click here for UCTF AFL-CIO affordable housing initiative:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kt81l1ed2luoyqq/HIT%20Video%20Ver%2013.mp4?dl=0>

- Click here for more information on UCTF efforts in PR from Forbes Magazine

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.forbes.com/sites/dipkabhambhani/2018/12/21/community-organizers-bank-puerto-rico-trash-will-fuel-islands-growth/amp/>

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