

# Disaster Readiness in Greater Miami

## EXPLORING NONPROFIT DISASTER READINESS

Each June, as disaster season approaches, preparedness becomes second nature for Miamians. With every passing year, we adapt — responding to shifting weather patterns, rising sea levels, and intensifying storms. At the heart of this evolving landscape are Miami's nonprofits: trusted, adaptable, and deeply rooted in the communities they serve.

A 2024 countywide survey by The Miami Foundation confirmed their indispensable role and persistent challenges in funding and capacity. Building on that work, this year, we surveyed a network of 77 disaster-related Miami nonprofits to continue to map their services and needs. The findings highlight nonprofits as vital community hubs during emergencies, reveal service gaps in under-served neighborhoods, and make the case for strategic, cross sector funding.

This snapshot is both a reflection and a call to action: to invest, to connect, and to prepare — so that each neighborhood has the support it needs when it matters most.

### Miami's small but growing nonprofit disaster network collaborates to address our community's crises.

#### 2024 Give Miami Day<sup>1</sup> data found:

**194** MIAMI NONPROFITS provide disaster support compared to **183** from last year.

OF THESE **77** organizations participated in this year's Disaster Resilience survey.

1. Give Miami Day is the annual fundraising and capacity-building movement for Miami's local nonprofits hosted by The Miami Foundation.

#### Top five disaster-related services that local nonprofits provide:

- 1** EDUCATION & TRAINING
- 2** INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES
- 3** FOOD DISTRIBUTION
- 4** SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION & VOLUNTEER COORDINATION
- 5** ADVOCACY

**HOUSING, FINANCIAL, AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE were the least-reported disaster support services**

#### Working together for Miami:

Nearly **4 OUT OF 5** Organizations Collaborate with local nonprofits, government agencies, or community groups to improve disaster preparedness and response.

**75%** of nonprofits Focus on something else as their core mission but show up to address a community need in times of disasters.

### There are three ways we can further strengthen Miami's nonprofit disaster response.

**1**

#### Diversify the focus FROM RESPONSE TO MITIGATION:

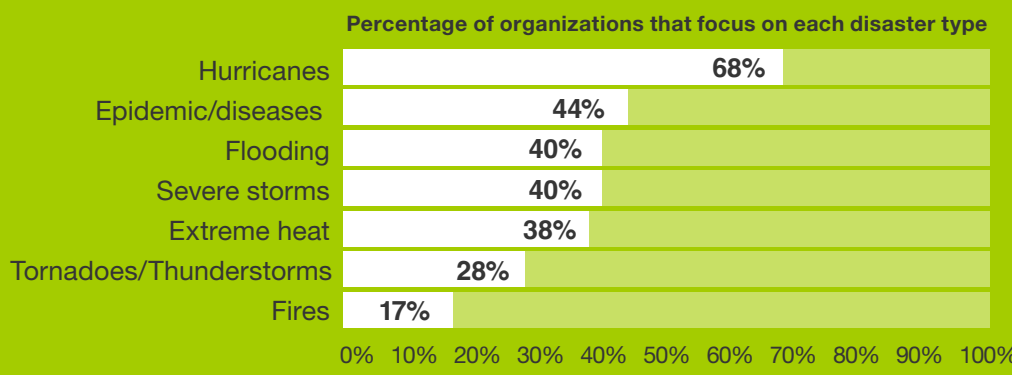
- **Less than a third of nonprofits work on "mitigation."** These are actions to reduce future disaster risks, including insurance and building codes, efforts that demand cross-sectoral collaboration.

**60%** OF MIAMI'S NONPROFITS REPORT PROVIDING IMMEDIATE RELIEF DURING DISASTERS

**2**

#### Prepare across ALL TYPES OF DISASTERS:

When it comes to disasters, we continue to see a focus on hurricanes and less on increasing risks, such as extreme heat and fires:



**34%** surveyed nonprofits report no involvement in **FIRE-RELATED DISASTERS** and **25%** offer no support for **EXTREME HEAT**

**3**

#### Increase coverage ACROSS ALL NEIGHBORHOODS:

**More than half (54%) of organizations serve all of Miami-Dade in their disaster work, but this coverage is not equitable.**



- **Only 7% of nonprofits reported serving any of the West and Northwest Miami communities** such as: Doral | Hialeah | Miami Gardens, among others.
- **Not a single nonprofit reported working in these 12 communities**, including: Everglades | Flagami | Indian Creek Village | Palmetto Bay Village | Shenandoah/Coral Way | Westchester | West Flagler



### Investing in Miami's nonprofits will fortify our community's response to disasters.

#### Nonprofit resource allocation for disaster work is strained:

**73%** of the nonprofits spend less than a quarter of their budgets on this work.

#### Disaster Organizations need more funds:

**#1 BARRIER REPORTED**

**79%** organizations report **FUNDING** as their key constraint.

#### Other barriers include lack of physical assets and logistics management.

- 36%** FACILITY CONSTRAINTS
- 33%** LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN
- 19%** MOBILITY & TRANSPORT

## Learn More, Act More

Looking to take action and support Miami's resilience during disaster season?

Here are some ways to get plugged in:

- 1** IF YOU ARE A NONPROFIT, **join the network.**
- 2** IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING:
  - Invest in the Miami Disaster Resilience Network
  - Volunteer with disaster organizations.
  - Understand the potential of innovative tools like parametric insurance and join funders to invest in this strategy.
- 3** FOR EVERYONE IN MIAMI-DADE, **stay prepared!**

To learn more about our disaster resilience work and get involved, please visit our [Disaster Resilience Network](#) page.