

Voices OF HOPE

Cuba

PWRDF has renewed its partnership with the Episcopal Church of Cuba (ECC) to continue the Integral Development Program (PDM), focusing on disaster management and community resilience. This year-long phase, backed by a \$39,440 contribution from PWRDF, aims to support 8,200 people, including 5,430 women, in 50 Cuban communities. The program seeks to improve food security, economic independence, and overall quality of life, especially for women, mothers, and children.

PDM activities include climate-resilience projects, community development initiatives, and educational programs to promote proper nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene. Participants receive training in financial security, agriculture, and food conservation, with some becoming community leaders to ensure the sustainability of these efforts.

Prioritizing community-led transformation and self-sufficiency, proved effective during the COVID-19 pandemic when trained participants quickly responded by distributing informational materials and producing cloth masks. The new phase will build on past successes, continuing to engage local communities in addressing their needs, and strengthening the longstanding partnership between ECC and PWRDF.



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