



Ms. Claude Hyacinthe

FEMA Education Sector Director



Ms. Claude Hyacinthe is part of the Executive Team and the Education Sector Director for FEMA's Caribbean Area Division working out of the Joint Recovery Office in Guaynabo, PR.

Claude deployed to the Island in March 2018 to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff. In April, she was tasked to stand the Education Sector from the ground up to ensure it received a higher level of attention and thus engagement with FEMA. Since April, Claude has been engaged in strong and trust-based partnerships with the PR Department of Education, the University of Puerto Rico and has been relentlessly campaigning to reach out to Private Non-Profit educational institutions all of which are critical facilities providing a critical service. Claude is dedicated to and focused on the Resiliency of the Education Infrastructure in Puerto Rico and she encourages all Education Partners to take this opportunity

to design the Puerto Rico of which they dream.

Claude has worked with FEMA for nearly 15 years. Currently she is the New York Sandy Recovery Director in FEMA Region 2 in New York. The Region serves NY, NJ, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Claude oversees a \$20 billion Recovery program in one of the most politically charged environments, most costly construction areas, with some of the most complex infrastructure projects in the country, spanning across many sectors including Education, Transportation, Energy, Water, Housing, Health/Hospitals, Public Buildings, Natural and Cultural Resources, Critical and Social Agencies across the New York State. Prior to that Claude was the New Jersey Sandy Recovery Director representing the FEMA Region 2 Regional Administrator to all partners in the State of New Jersey.

Claude is a Resiliency and FEMA programs Subject Matter Expert who believes as John Dewey (1859-1952) that "Education is not preparation for life, Education is life itself."

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