Peter Barbosa, PhD, Brings Supplies to Puerto Rico

On October 12 and again on November 18, Peter Barbosa, PhD, NYCPM Professor in Pre-Clinical Sciences, visited his native Puerto Rico with five suitcases filled with needed basic supplies that he personally distributed in towns bereft of services and stores as a result of the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria on September 20. While there, Dr. Barbosa and his sister Damarys Barbosa bought groceries from a supermarket in San Juan that’s been supplied and delivered those groceries to families on the west side of the island and in mountain towns, where supplies were not arriving.

As of this writing, on November 28, 45% of the island remains without power and 10% of the island has no water. Some residents lost power and water as a result of Hurricane Irma, which struck Puerto Rico two weeks before Maria’s strike.

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