

Luis Omar García Biography

Luis Omar Garcia, President, Unidos por la Comunidad Arenas (Puerto Rico)

Luis Omar García is the president of Unidos por la Comunidad Arenas, a community-based organization in the Arenas neighborhood of Guánica, Puerto Rico. Following the January 2020 earthquakes in southern Puerto Rico, he led initiatives to support community well-being, including medical visits, public health guidance, and mental health support, particularly for children and the elderly. The organization also provided critical supplies and coordinated care for bedridden individuals. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Unidos por la Comunidad Arenas became the first neighborhood in Puerto Rico to establish a local prevention, monitoring, and testing program. With support from Vestergaard, Nuestra Escuela Inc., and Fundación Comunitaria de PR, they conducted over 500 PCR tests and distributed food boxes and preventive materials to all families in the neighborhood. In addition, Unidos por la Comunidad Arenas offers emergency training, legal and psychological services, summer camps, and is in the process of transforming a decommissioned school into a resilient community center. The first phase includes the creation of an emergency center with solar power and critical infrastructure. Luis Omar currently works in community relations and media at MEDX Medical Experience By MIGRANT and collaborates with Protectores de Cuencas on the restoration of the Guanica Lagoon, a NOAA financed project to improve ecological and socio-economic conditions in southern Puerto Rico.