

# iCASAPR

The Initiative for Civic Address  
Systems Assessment in Puerto Rico

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## ABOUT US

**Who we are:** The Initiative for Civic Address Systems Assessment in Puerto Rico (**iCASAPR**) is a nonprofit organization in Puerto Rico committed to help communities overcome the problems of "data invisibility" by studying and improving their civic addresses.

**iCASAPR** started after the devastation of Hurricane Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. The lack of a robust and transparent address infrastructure affected the assessment, emergency preparedness, rescue and reconstructions operations on the island. This more immediate impetus was coupled with our understanding that Puerto Rican communities and individuals have been at a disadvantage for decades because of the lack of reliable address data. This "data invisibility" affects the ability of the local municipio governments, the Commonwealth, and the Federal government to meet critical societal needs.

**Our Mission:** **iCASAPR** is a multidisciplinary initiative to improve the address infrastructure of Puerto Rico and to inspire breakthroughs in the way we tackle the issue of "data invisibility" affecting communities in Puerto Rico.

**Our Vision:** Enhance Puerto Rico's address infrastructure to help the process of reconstruction, improve the response of aid and emergency services, and foster a more dynamic and resilient future for the Island.

**Our Principle:** We believe that an address infrastructure is an essential public good; that the establishment and maintenance of good civic addresses save lives, are critical for public and private services and serve as an important tool for fostering overall social and economic development. Improving the address infrastructure and creating effective addressing policies will have multiplier effects throughout the economy and society. At **iCASAPR** we are committed to overcome the problems of "data invisibility" affecting the communities in Puerto Rico.

**About iCASAPR:** The Initiative for Civic Address Systems Assessment in Puerto Rico (**iCASA PR**) is a nonprofit organization started after the devastation of Hurricane Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico in 2018, committed to help communities overcome the problems of "data invisibility" by evaluating and improving their civic addresses systems based on data-driven quantitative and qualitative assessments.