

HEALTH SYSTEMS HIGH-IMPACT RECOMMENDATIONS

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

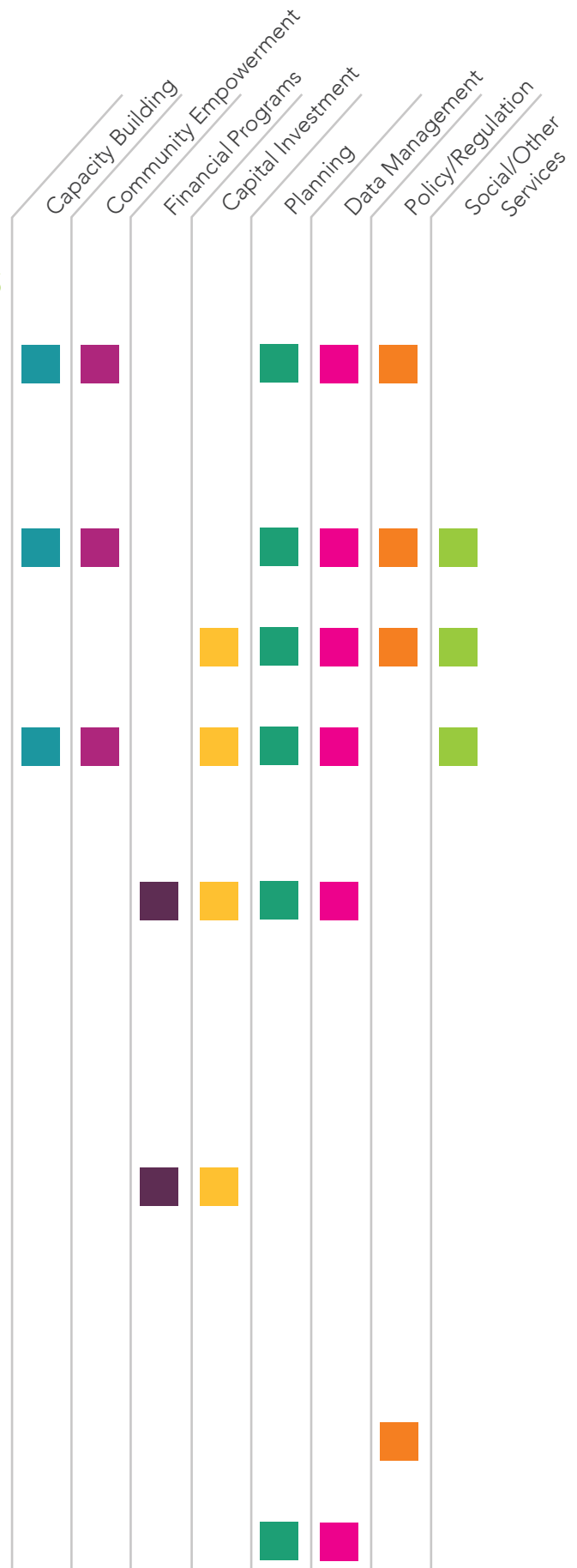
- 1 Optimize healthcare financing to reduce the proportion of uninsured people and the shortage of healthcare professionals, and improve quality, access, and continuity of healthcare provision in disaster-related emergencies.
- 2 Expand the scope and availability of behavioral and mental health services.
- 3 Address the social and environmental determinants of health that contribute to disease burden.
- 4 Invest in improvements to the physical infrastructure of healthcare facilities in order to improve the provision of services on a regular basis and in the face of multiple hazards.
- 5 Create integrated government data systems, and improved access to these, to ensure transparency and preparedness while co-benefiting government structures with actual reliable data for informed decision-making processes.

ENERGY

- 6 Establish reliable and diversified backup energy systems for vulnerable individuals and critical facilities, such as hospitals, schools, and emergency shelters and services facilities.

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- 7 Develop an integrated critical infrastructure management strategy to guide resilient long-term reconstruction.
- 8 Develop a master integrated Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for critical infrastructures and providers.



- 9 Improve the Puerto Rico Dam Safety Program to ensure coordination between responsible agencies and enhance community preparedness.
- 10 Assess connectivity and develop a communication plan for primary anchor institutions.
- 11 Develop resilient community centers to improve the provision of services during emergencies and disaster relief.
- 12 Develop an outreach and education program, for rural communities, on domestic water treatment and storage in order to improve drinking water quality at the point of consumption in times of emergency.

 HOUSING

- 13 Update the Island’s digital land cadastre to include: use and occupancy of structures, land tenure data, housing characteristics in informal settlements, and information on insurance coverage.
- 14 Repair, improve and retrofit public housing dwellings and facilities towards more resilient designs, including mitigation projects for public housing projects located in risk-prone areas.
- 15 Establish community-based emergency response procedures, identify emergency shelters, and train community volunteers.
- 16 Create loans, grants, or subsidy programs to incentivize and support improvements on the physical resilience of existing housing.

 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 17 Develop and implement a disaster resilience strategy for the micro and small businesses of Puerto Rico.

 NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- 18 Develop an emergency preparedness and response plan for Puerto Rico’s natural resources.

