

FROM THE DESK OF
JOSÉ ANDRÉS

My friend,

Eight years ago, my wife Patricia and I had a big dream to start World Central Kitchen. We envisioned an organization that would create smart solutions to hunger and poverty, and for many years we saw an amazing impact through our clean cookstoves initiative, culinary training programs, and social enterprise ventures that empower communities and strengthen economies. But we had no idea we would one day be answering the call in Puerto Rico, Houston, California, and beyond – “food first responders” serving over 4 million meals last year. In the process, we learned that a small NGO can change the world through the power of food. It is a new era for WCK!

All of this is made possible by having you on our team. With your help, we have shown what’s possible when we don’t accept the status quo and aren’t afraid to disrupt the system. Your support allows us to act with the urgency of now, to come together and just start cooking while others are paralyzed by inaction.

There are even bigger things ahead! Your support will help us use food as a tool for solving our most pressing challenges, a beacon of hope for those in need. We look forward to continuing working with you to nourish, uplift, and inspire. Join me in fulfilling the inspiring words of John Steinbeck: “Wherever there’s a fight so hungry people can eat, we will be there.”

We must be there.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Andrés". The signature is stylized, with the "J" and "A" being particularly large and bold. A long, sweeping horizontal line extends from the end of the signature across the page.

José

ACTIVATE



No meetings.
No planning.
We just started COOKING.

Puerto Rico

3.6 MILLION
MEALS SERVED

26 EMERGENCY KITCHENS
ACTIVATED

20,000 VOLUNTEERS
ACTIVATED

Houston

1 MILLION POUNDS OF DONATED
FOOD MOBILIZED BY WCK

10,000 MEALS
SERVED

California

50,000 MEALS
SERVED

2,000 VOLUNTEERS
ACTIVATED

Peru

10 COMMUNITY KITCHENS
ACTIVATED

3,000 FLOOD VICTIMS
FED

REBUILD



People like
Pastor Eliomar
are the reason
Puerto Rico will be
STRONGER
THAN EVER.

#ChefsForPuertoRico

RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

These grants – awarded to restaurants and food trucks that enabled us to cook and deliver relief meals – helped to rebuild and expand businesses that support the local economy.



Eva Bolivar



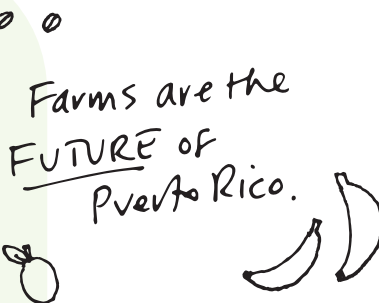
One of our #ChefsForPuertoRico, **Eva Bolivar**, reopened her restaurant this year thanks to WCK's help!

FARM GRANTS

We are revitalizing family-owned farms destroyed by Hurricane Maria to increase the availability of locally grown food across the island and create a more food-secure economy.



Farms are the
FUTURE of
Puerto Rico.



EMPOWER



Chefs always have something
to give to the next generation.
This is our LEGACY.

JOBS

WCK's Culinary School finished construction in October and continues a strong track record of providing **40 aspiring chefs** each year with the skills they need to succeed in the hospitality industry.

*Clean cookstoves
impact EVERYTHING:
health, jobs, education,
and the environment.*



HEALTH

Through clean cookstoves and food safety training, WCK has helped to improve the health of **60,000 students** and **600 school cooks** in six countries worldwide.

EDUCATION

Over **10 million meals** have been served from **121 school kitchens** that have been built or renovated by World Central Kitchen.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

World Central Kitchen's five food ventures are using the power of food to create jobs, elevate economies, and uplift communities.



HAITI

**Boulanjri Beni
& Pwason Beni**
Port-au-Prince

Fishermen First
Jacmel



NICARAGUA

Smart Roast
Cusmapa



ZAMBIA

Chawama Bakery
Lusaka



Pwason Beni