



Building a Resilient Business Community: [SEP] Before, During, and After a Disaster

A Course for Support Practitioners

Module A: Helping Business Owners/Operators Get the Most from Their Course: Introduction to Resilience

September 15, 2020 6:00pm-8:00pm

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Overview for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners' Course:

Helping Business Owners/Operators Get the Most from Their Course



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Agenda for Module A

6:00 PM -7:00 PM Lesson A: Overview for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners' Course:

Puerto Rico, COVID-19 and Resilience

Helping Business Owners/Operators Get the Most from Their Course: Introduction to Resilience

- Learning Objectives for the Business Owners/Operators Course
- Additional Objectives for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners

Core concepts

- Resilience
- Mentoring Business Owners/Operators
- Role of Facilitators

7:00 PM-7:05 PM Break

7:05 PM -8:00 PM Lesson 1: Introduction to Workbook & Facilitators, Baseline Survey



Course Outline

Module A Overview and Introduction (Tue, Sep 15, 6:00:8:00)

Lesson A: Puerto Rico, COVID-19 and Resilience; Helping Business
Owners/Operators Get the Most from Their Course; Introduction to Resilience

Lesson 1: Introduction to Workbook & Facilitators, Baseline Survey

Module B Strategic Policy and Analysis Concepts (Tue, Sep 22, 6:00-8:00)

Lesson B: Strategy and Policy Aspects of Puerto Rican Resilience

Lesson 2: 5 Keys to Networking; Protection of People, Data, and Operations

Module C Digital Puerto Rico, Key Asset Protection (Tue, Sep 29, 6:00-8:00)

Lesson C: Digital Puerto Rico, Resiliency Innovation Network,

Lesson 3: Digital Marketing for Resilience, Protection of Inventory, Equipment, and Buildings

Module D Integration and Wrap Up (Tue, Oct 6, 6:00-8:00)

Lesson D: Personal & Business Resilience, Micro-manufacture (M2),
Advanced Agriculture, Building a Resilient Business, READI Framework

Lesson 4: Keys to Recovering Better, Complete Workbooks, Quiz, Wrap-up



Who Is Attending



Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners

- Organizations include: Universities,
 NGOs, Professional Associations,
 Banks, Businesses and Government
- Roles include: presidents, executives, board directors, entrepreneurial consultants, program managers, professors, attorneys and administrators
- Cities / regions include: Aguadilla, Anasco, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Caguas, Cayey, Coamo, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Hato Rey, Humacao, Isabela, Juana Diaz, Las Piedras, Manati, Maricao, Mayaguez, Ponce, San German, San Juan, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto

Business Owners

Industries include: Service; Retail; Hospitality, Tourism, Restaurants; Technology; Education; Non Profit: Manufacturing and Construction; Agriculture and Government

Small business size distribution

- 1 3 employees 39.6 %
- 4 10 employees 22.6 %
- 11 20 employees 5.2 %
- 21 50 employees 10.4%
- 51 99 employees 4.7%
- > 100 employees 17.5%
- Business Owner roles include: presidents, executives for strategic growth, economic development; program and project managers; attorneys



Business Course Learning Outcomes (1)





By the end of the course, participants will have:

 Developed an effective business resilience plan that can adapt to changing business conditions including COVID-19



Business Course Learning Outcomes (2)

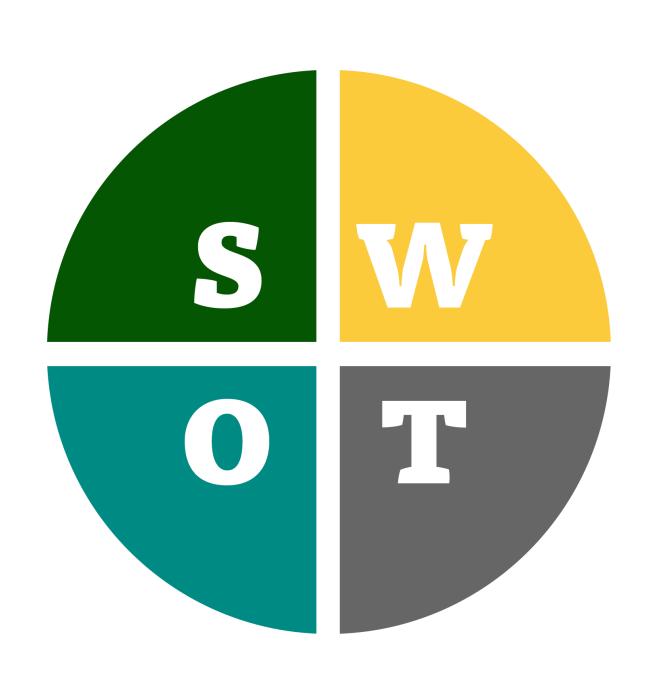


And will be able to:

- Exercise the business resilience plan and keep it up-to-date
- Prepare for the 4 Phases of Resilience (Anticipate,
 Withstand, Recover, Adapt/Reposition)
- Analyze hazards to businesses in Puerto Rico and their impacts
- Protect core business assets such as people, data, operations, etc.



Business Course Learning Outcomes (3)



And have learned:

- What resources are available to small and medium businesses to help build resilience in Puerto Rico, including special assets related to COVID-19
- The value of a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis



Support Practitioner Additional Outcomes (1)



In addition to the Business Course learning outcomes, by the end of the course, participants will have:

- Considered ways to mentor business owners/operators to develop effective resilience plans that can adapt to changing business conditions
- Examined strategy and policy options to make
 Puerto Rico more resilient overall



Support Practitioner Additional Outcomes (2)



And will be able to:

- Discuss the components of effective resilience plans across different business sectors
- Compare and evaluate the resilience plans produced by the business course participants
- Set Puerto Rican resilience issues in broad contexts, such as the 4th Industrial Revolution; accelerating, converging technological change; and the post-COVID-19 environment



Support Practitioner Additional Outcomes (3)



And have learned:

- Why resilience is a better and more inclusive focus than narrower areas such as security, continuity of operations, succession planning, supply chain risk management, etc.
- The value of "Accompanying" the graduates of the course in implementing their resilience plans



What is Resilience?

Definition: Coping Capacity + Adaptability*

3 Kinds of Resilience



CULTURAL

- Organization fights back
- Foundation of ethics, principles, governance



OPERATIONAL

- Resilient networks and telecoms systems
- Able to deliver internal and external messages
- Financial resources



INFRASTRUCTURAL

- Essential services are sustained and restored
- Growing infrastructure interdependencies are understood

Phases:
Anticipate,
Withstand,
Recover
(=Coping

Capacity) +

Adapt**

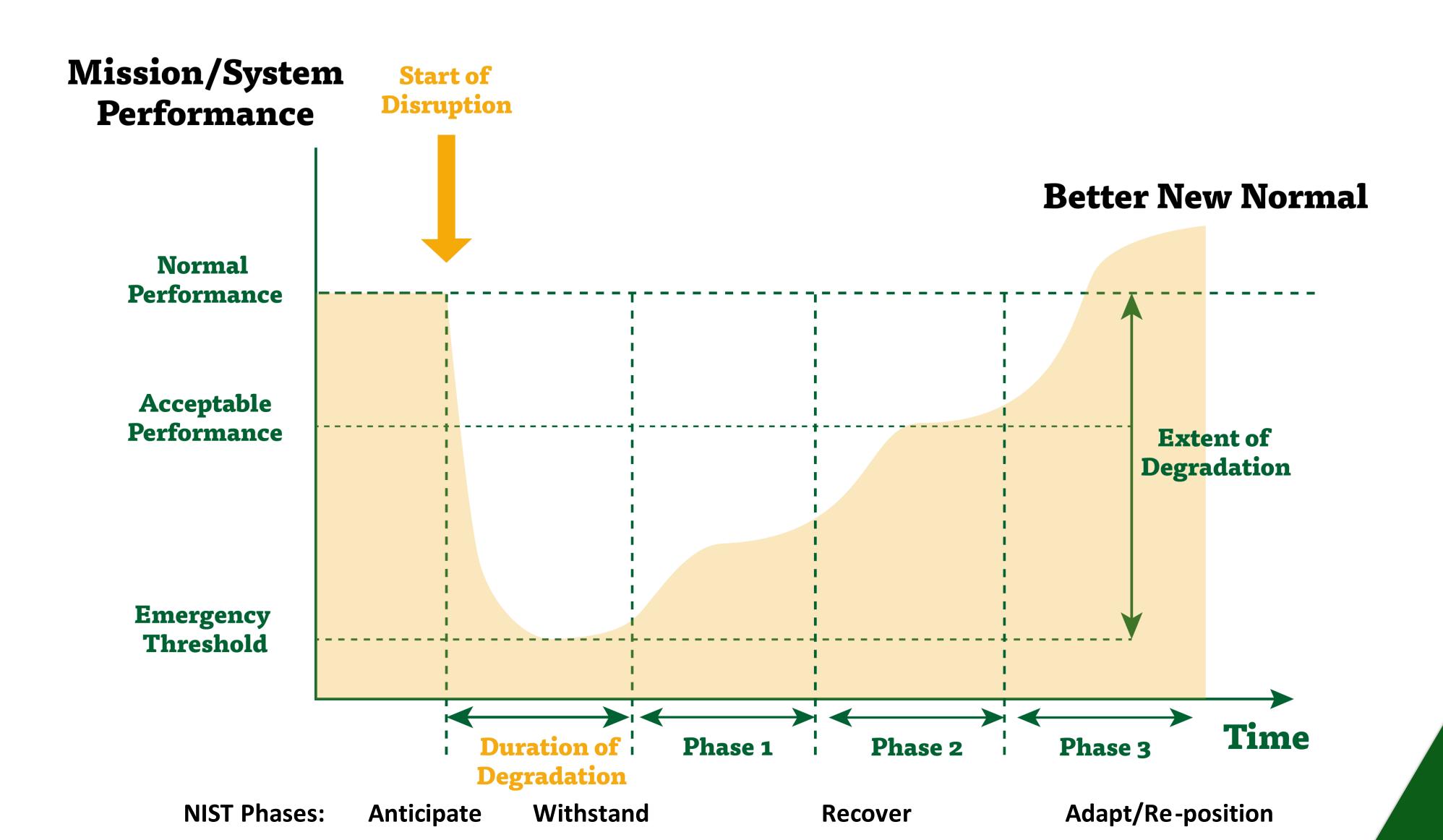


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GEORGE

Resilience is NOT Just Bouncing <u>Back</u>. It's Being Prepared to Bounce <u>Forward</u> Better



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Security vs Resilience



SECURITY
"locking up and hunkering down"



RESILIENCE

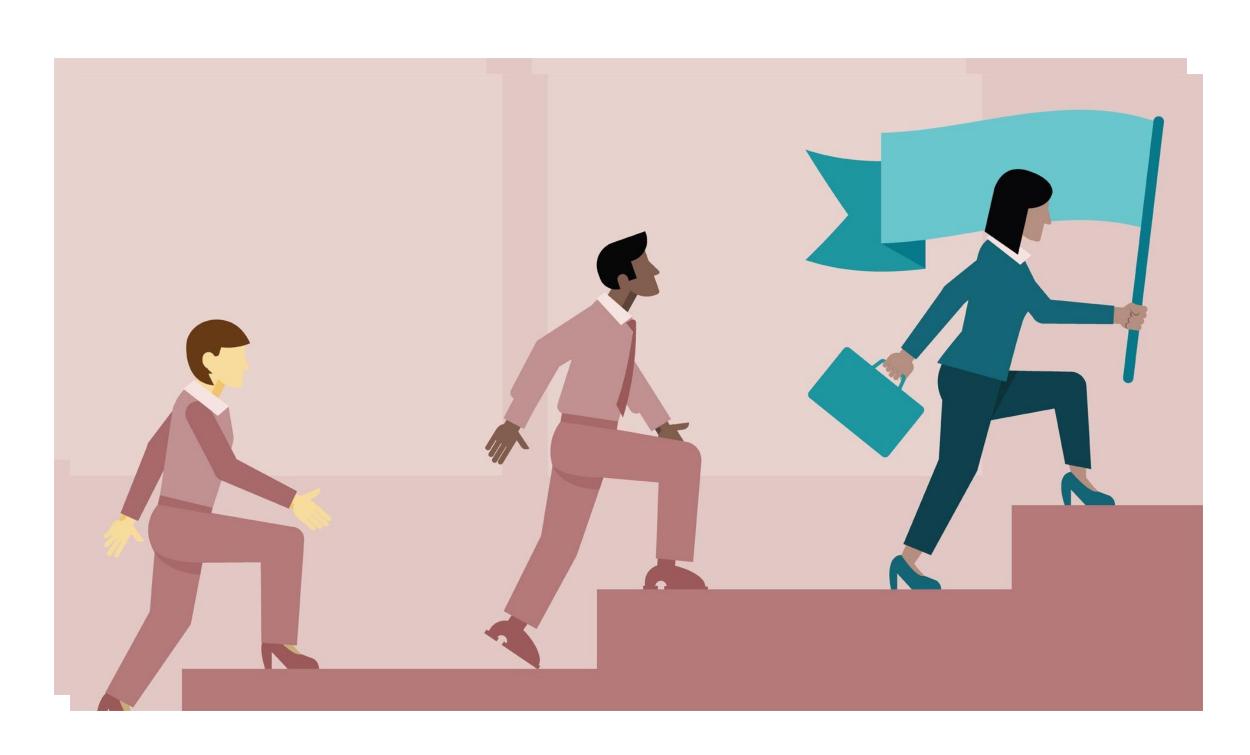
"Achieving organization's goals"

"Under any level of shock or stress"

"Fighting back"

"Emerging stronger"

Building Resilient Capacity



Leadership must build resilience at all levels

- Encourage resilience among people
- Core characteristic—nurtured & made sustainable
- Treat as "positive business asset"

 —resource accordingly
- Build enduring organizational capacity



Building Resilient Capacity



Adapt and Grow

Adapt

"It is not the strongest or the smartest that survive, but the most adaptable"—

Tom Friedman, from Darwin

Learn from shocks & stresses—change behaviors

Grow

Nassim Taleb—"Anti-Fragile"—
"things [that] benefit from shocks...."

Need agility to analyze shocks and respond effectively

Comprehensive Approaches



- No easy answers
- Resilient culture is built on foundation of:
 - Ethics
 - Principles
 - Governance
 - Compliance—not just checklists
 - —Know what you should be doing
- Details are important—need to understand the challenges and risks specific to your situations
- Benchmark against standards & best practices

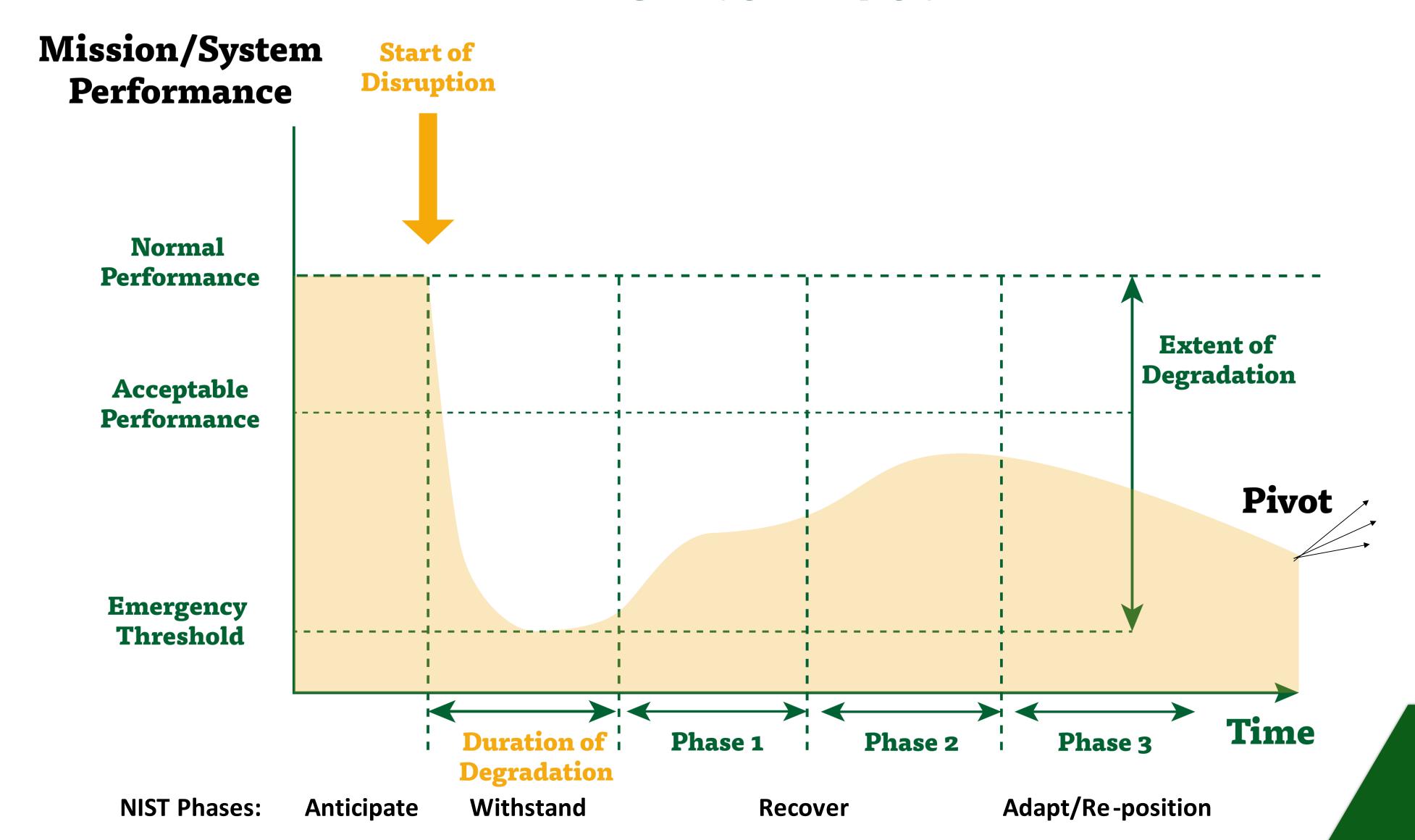


Comprehensive Approaches— Continuous Improvement

- Measures collectively must promote continuous improvement
 - No lesson ever learned until behavior changes
 - Exercise & test solutions against challenging scenarios
 - Beware of "brittle" people and organizations
- Be careful of comforting, but inaccurate indicators
 - Cyber dashboards that miss malware in supply chains
 - Out of Date, or ignored, standards & regulations
 - Reporting chains that tell leadership "everything's fine" when people at lower levels know it isn't
- Persistence is essential—may take years, and several iterations



Sometimes You Can't Bounce Forward Better When to Pivot?





Adapt and Reposition (1)

Adaptability: Ability to adjust approaches or actions in response to changes in external environment

- Plan for unexpected can't anticipate everything
- Establish a standard system or method to respond to change
- Foresight vs forecasting
- Recognize new "un-normal" may be very different

<u>Adapted from Neil Kokemulle</u>, What Is Strategic Adaptability? <u>Small Business</u>, <u>Business</u> <u>Planning & Strategy</u>, <u>Strategic Business Plans</u>, <u>https://smallbusiness.chron.com/strategic-adaptability-78216.html</u>





Adapt and Reposition (2)

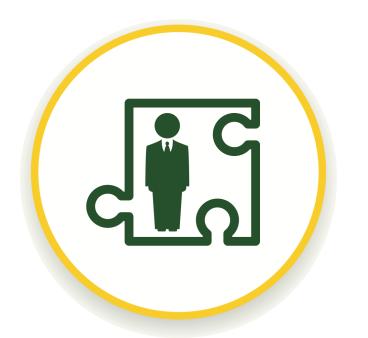
Many Factors of Change

- Velocity of change varies by sector
- Adjust marketing, R & D, and promotion responses
- Also adapt to legal regulations, resource availability and diversification opportunities

Experiential Learning

- Must learn from experiences
- Recognize mistakes in all areas and adjust over time
- Combine new expertise in familiar areas with expertise in flexing to change





Examples of Resilience





Johnson & Johnson Johnson Johnson 57 years of continuous dividend increases



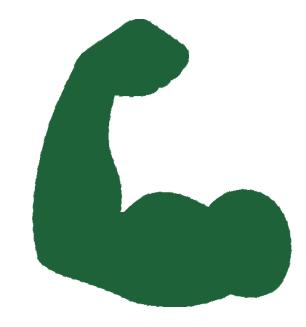
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Region Recovering, Distrust Remains



Pivot—Signs it's Time to Pivot (1)



You Want To
Make Your Business
A Stronger Version
Of Itself



The Market's
Overall Needs
Are Changing



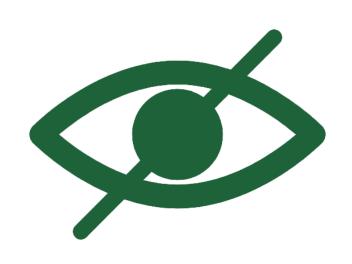
Your People,
Process Or
Profits
Are Declining



You're No Longer
Seeing Results From
The Things That
Made You
Successful













You Can't See A
Viable Path To
Further Growth

Your Customers
And Employees Are
Leaving You

What You're
Offering Is No
Longer Relevant

Your Intuition Is Telling You So





Pivot—All good pivots start with great questions

3 Business Model Aspects



Value proposition: What value do you

deliver?



Value networks:
How do you deliver and monetize?



Target customers: Who receives and benefits?

Rapid pivot framework

- Don't try to create pivot options in isolation
- Gather ideas from inside and outside of your team



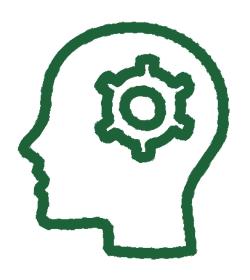


Pivot—All good pivots start with great questions

3 Ideas to Pivot Rapidly to a New Model



Host a pivot party (via video conferencing)



Perform a sanity check, then select your best bet



Try it—Ugly, bumpy, and fast is much better than smooth, beautiful, and slow

"Make decisions, honor the decisions you made yesterday, then figure out how to do it better today."





Puerto Rico, COVID-19, Resiliency and the Recovery Challenge International Experiences

"Demand, supply and workforce availability affected globally at the same time."

- Industry Week





Scales of Impact

Country / region; business, community, family, individual

Health, mental health, education, economic



Puerto Rico and COVID-19

Reported cases and deaths by municipality

This table is sorted by places with the most cases per 100,000 residents in the last seven days. Charts are colored to reveal when outbreaks emerged.

Cases	Deaths	Search municipalities
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			CASES	▼ PER 100,000	WEEKLY CASES PER CAPITA	
		TOTAL PER CASES 100,000	IN LAST 7 DAYS		FEWER	MORE
Puerto Rico	37,380	1,104	2,847	84	March 1	Sept. 13
Las Piedras	374	1,026	66	181		
Cataño	359	1,544	42	181		
Bayamón	2,991	1,754	280	164		
Vega Alta	544	1,519	54	151		
Salinas	356	1,314	39	144		
Manatí	431	1,153	53	142		
San Lorenzo	344	958	50	139		
Corozal	470	1,454	45	139		
Vega Baja	755	1,504	66	132		
Fajardo	411	1,384	39	131		
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About this data

U.S. | Puerto Rico Covid Map and Case Count

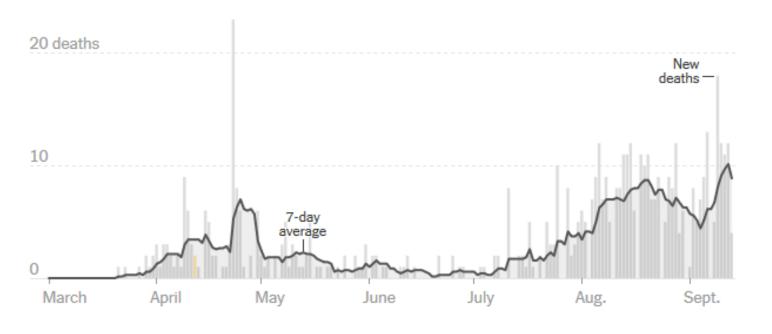
New reported cases by day in Puerto Rico



These are days with a data reporting anomaly. Read more here.

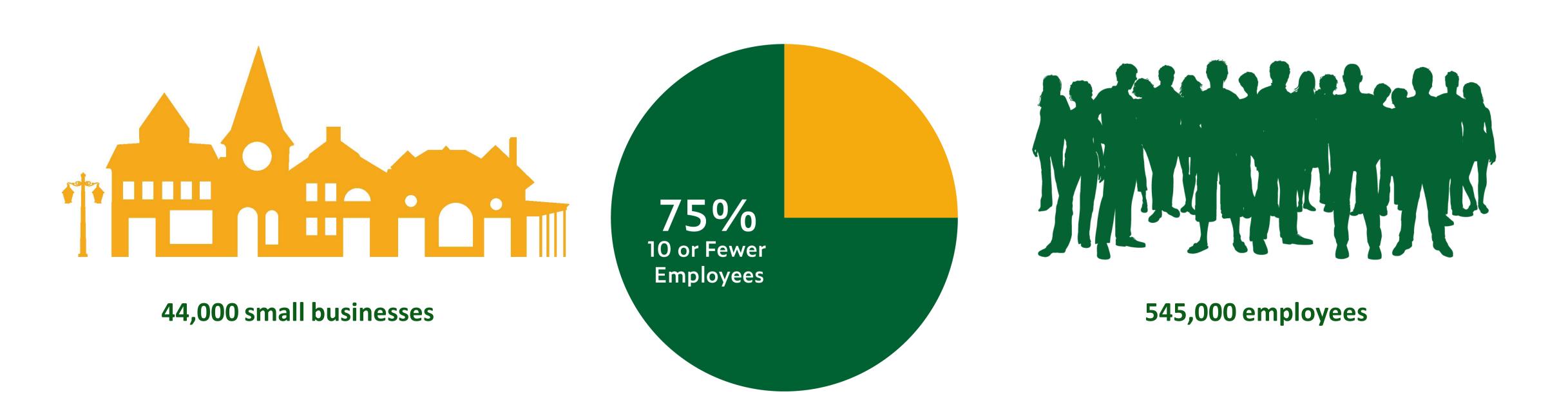
Note: The seven-day average is the average of a day and the previous six days of data.

New reported deaths by day in Puerto Rico





Puerto Rico and Small Business and COVID-19



Puerto Rico has 44,000 small businesses with 75 % having ten or fewer employees, small firm employment 545,000 employees

(New York Federal Reserve)





Puerto Rico Small Business Unique Recovery Challenges









News Releases

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FEMA Recovery Efforts Continue on the Island with Funding Obligations for 97 Projects

Release date: April 7, 2020

Release Number: DR-4339-PR NR 426

GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – FEMA and the Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resilience, or COR3, have obligated an additional **\$11.4 million** in funds for **97** projects related to the recovery and reconstruction of Puerto Rico due to Hurricane María. These funds were obligated between March 27 and April 2.

As the island continues to safeguard its residents with social distancing and self-quarantine measures, FEMA and COR3 remain focused on prioritizing obligations of funds to municipalities for eligible expenses to help communities recover. To date, nearly \$6.6 billion has been approved for Puerto Rico under FEMA's Public Assistance program.

The latest grants obligated are as follows:

- · Over \$4.1 million for repairs to roads and bridges.
- Nearly \$4 million for repairs to public buildings and equipment.
- Over \$1.6 million for emergency protective measures.
- Over \$1.3 million for repairs to parks and recreational facilities.
- Over \$632,600 for public utilities.
- Nearly \$242,000 for debris removal.

Funding for permanent work includes projects like roads, bridges, water control, buildings and equipment, utilities and park and recreation facilities as authorized under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Act. Emergency protective measures are actions taken to eliminate or lessen immediate threats either to lives, public health or safety, or significant additional damage to public or private property in a cost-effective manner.

- On going recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria and 2019 - 2020 Earthquakes
- Recovery and upgrade of the electric grid
- Limitations of wireless broadband
- Large percentage of small business and microbusinesses
- Economic recession and changing demographics
- Upcoming hurricane season



ty And Duration Of Economic Impact Pandemic evolution / Economic policy forecast / GDP

Adapt your strategic response

Covid-19 Strategy Matrix boardofinnovation.com

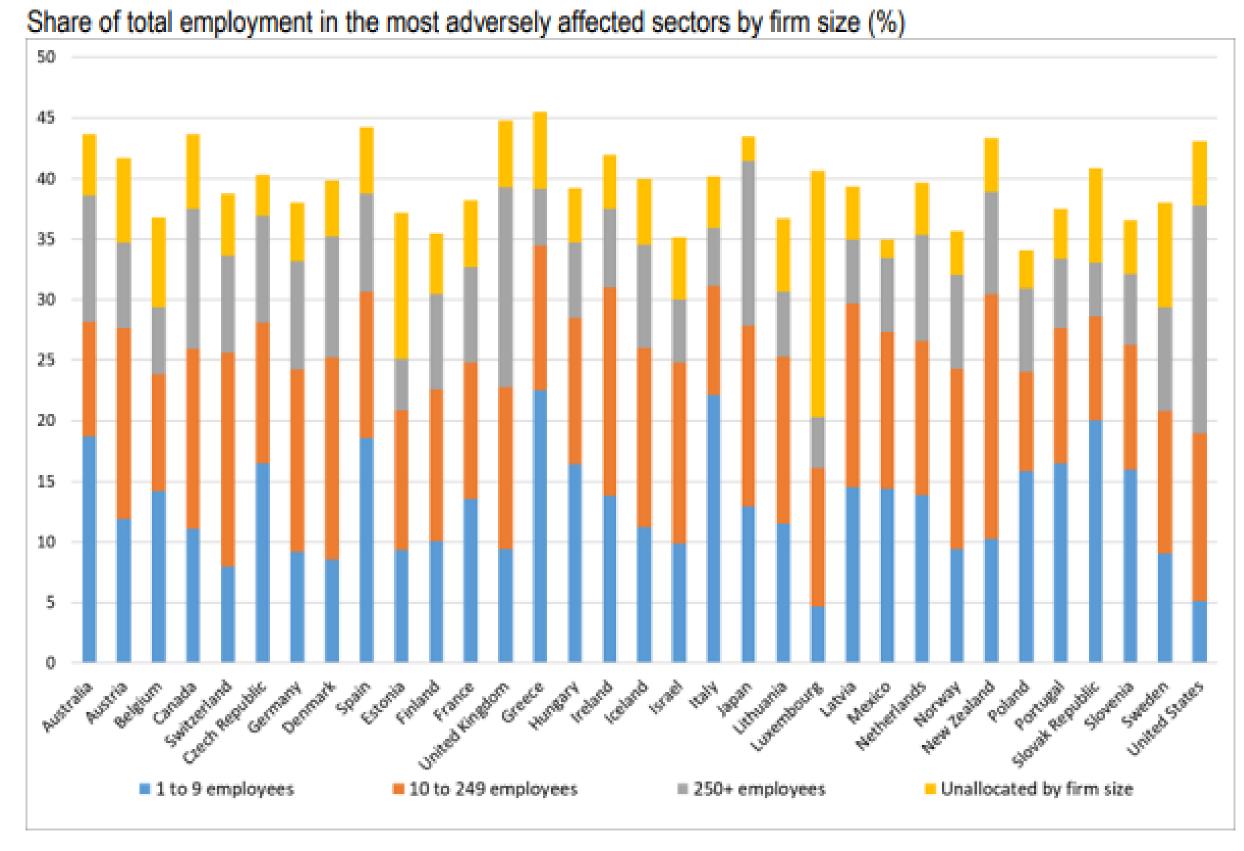
Note: strategic response also depends on cash position, competitive position and industry attractivity

Impact On Your Organisation

Direct impact of Covid-19 / Indirect impact of economic recession / Ability to adapt fast

attractivity	POSITIVE Revenue growth through demand surge e.g. E-commerce	MILDLY NEGATIVE Sustained revenue loss of 0-15% in Q2-4 2020 e.g. Consumer Goods	SEVERE Sustained revenue loss of 15-50% in Q2-4 2020 e.g. Oil and gas	CATASTROPHIC Sustained revenue loss of +50% in Q2-4 2020 e.g. Tourism
0.5 YEAR IMPACT V-curve rebound; Effective pandemic control and economic stimulus	Ride the wave: boost supply to keep up with demand surge	Push through and prepare for fast back-to-normal upswing	Survive and prepare for relatively slow back-to-normal recovery	Mothball large part of the business and prepare for re-start
1.5 YEAR IMPACT U-curve recovery; Social distance measurements prolonged, economic stimulus eases damage	Push for growth and market share	Defend, improve competitive position, and find new growth	Pivot through organic innovation and inorganic growth, or divest	Pivot through organic innovation and inorganic growth, or divest
3 YEAR IMPACT L-curve recovery; Failed pandemic control, and wide-spread bankruptcies and credit defaults	Aggressive push for growth and market share	Defend, improve competitive position, and find new growth	Prepare for aggressive new entrants. Reinvent and create totally new position, or abandon	Abandon market

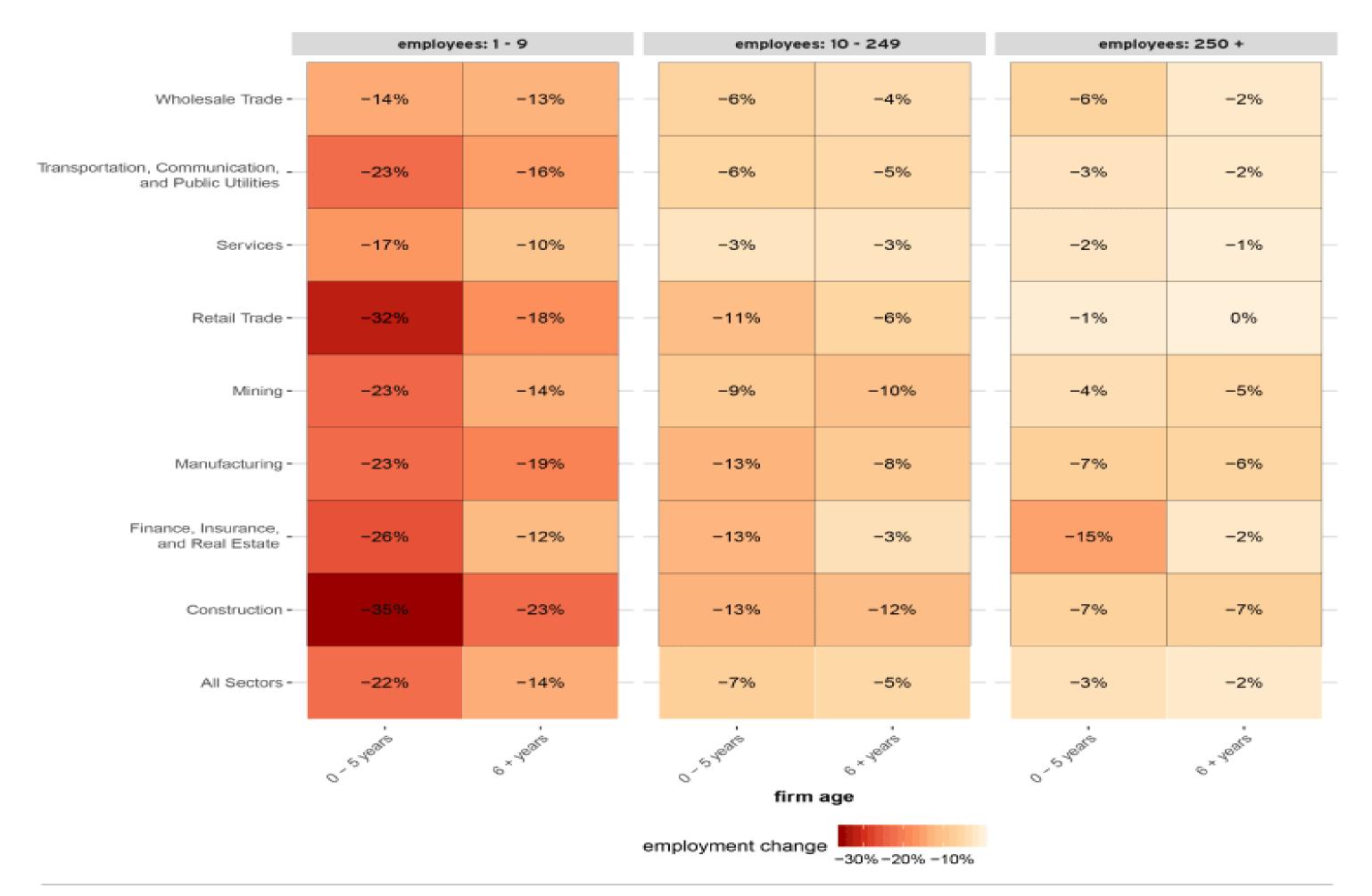




Source: OECD (2020) Strong, medium, vulnerable (OECD, 2020[30])

OECD and smaller firms in most affected sectors of transport manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail trade, air transport, accommodation and food services, real estate, professional services, and other personal services



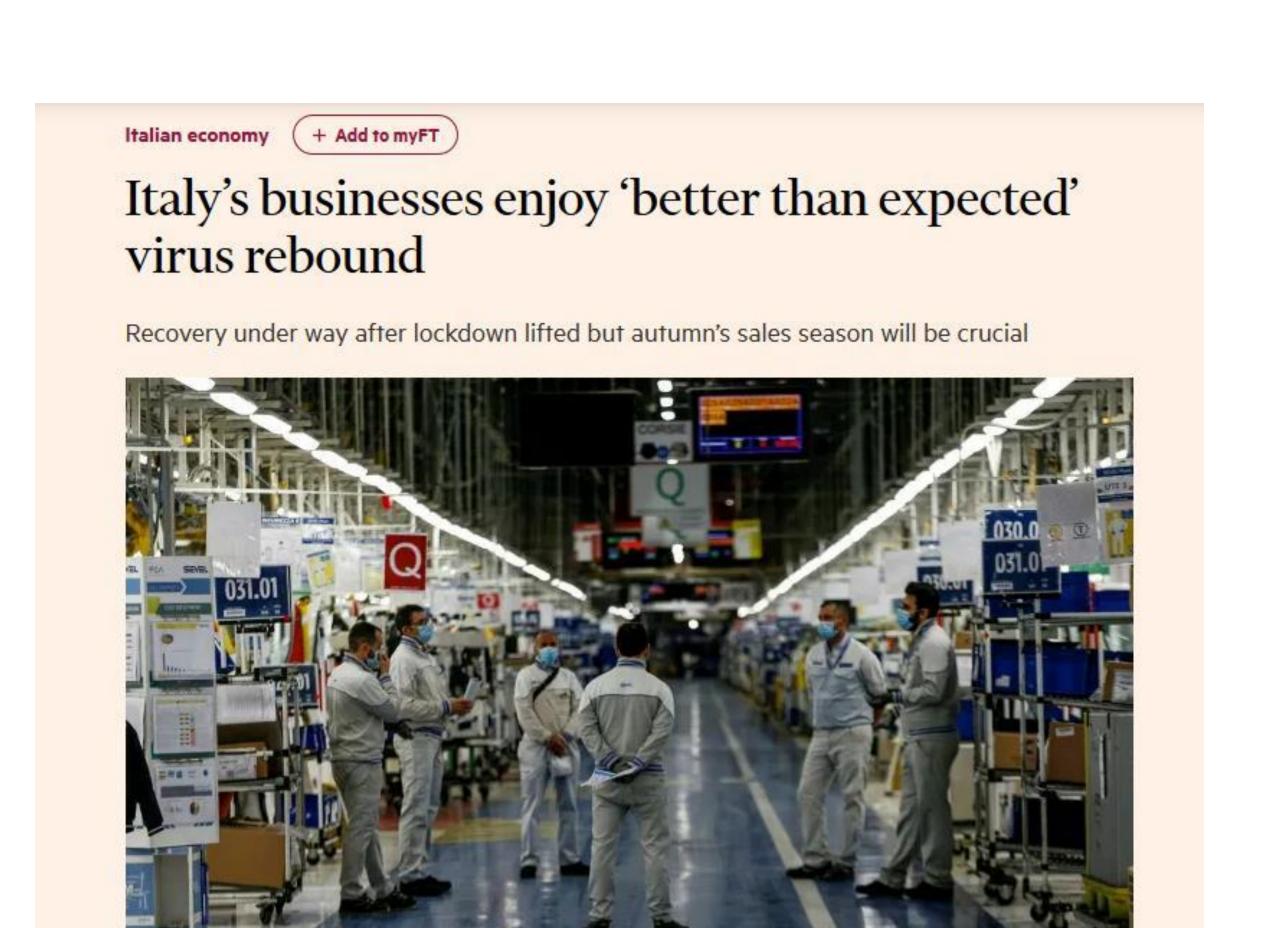


Source: Brookings analysis of the Census Bureau's Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS)



Business Vulnerability During the Great Recession (2008 – 2009) -Brookings



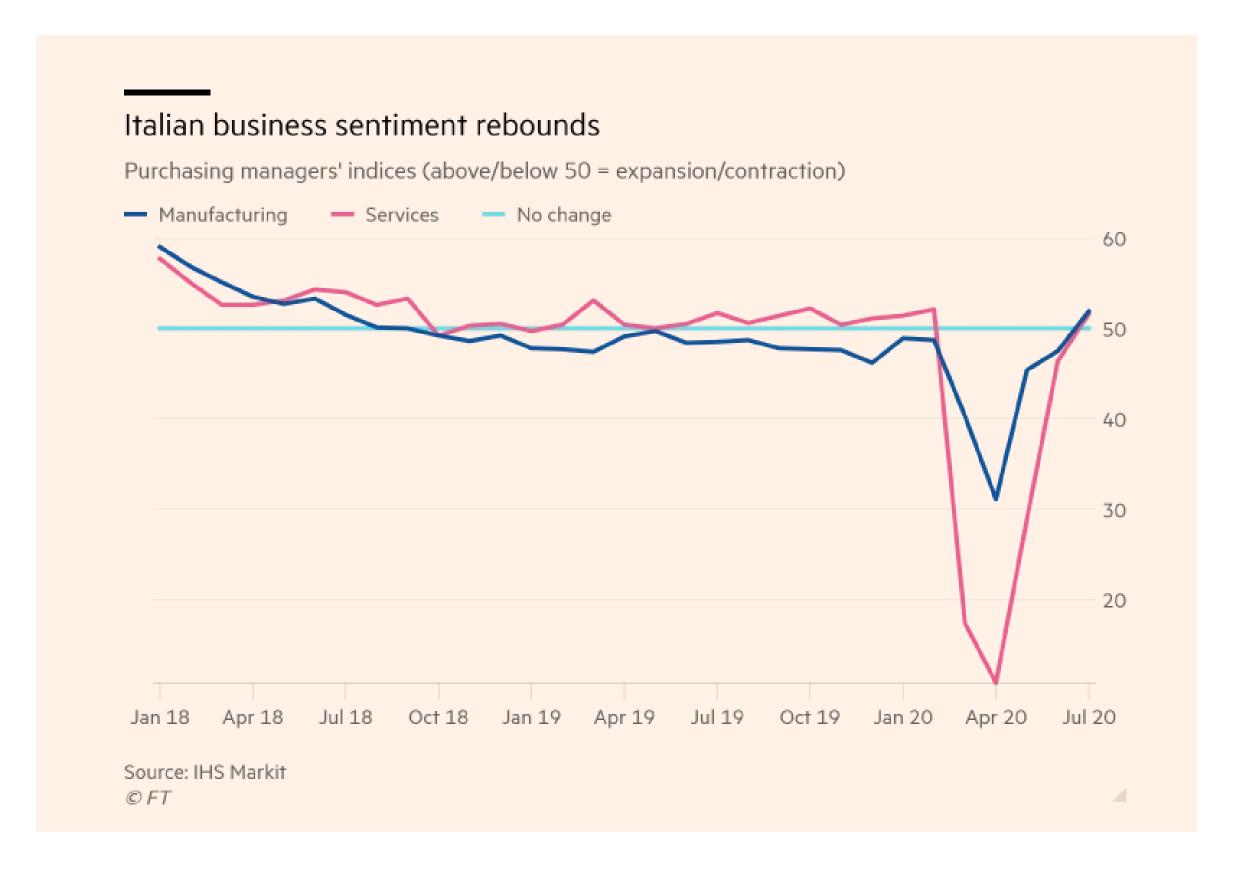


A team at an automobile plant in Atessa, Italy. Italian businesses are experiencing a better than expected recovery from the economic effects of the pandemic © Cecilia Fabiano/AP

Davide Ghiglione in Rome AUGUST 16 2020











Eurozone economy

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Eurozone retail sales return to pre-crisis levels

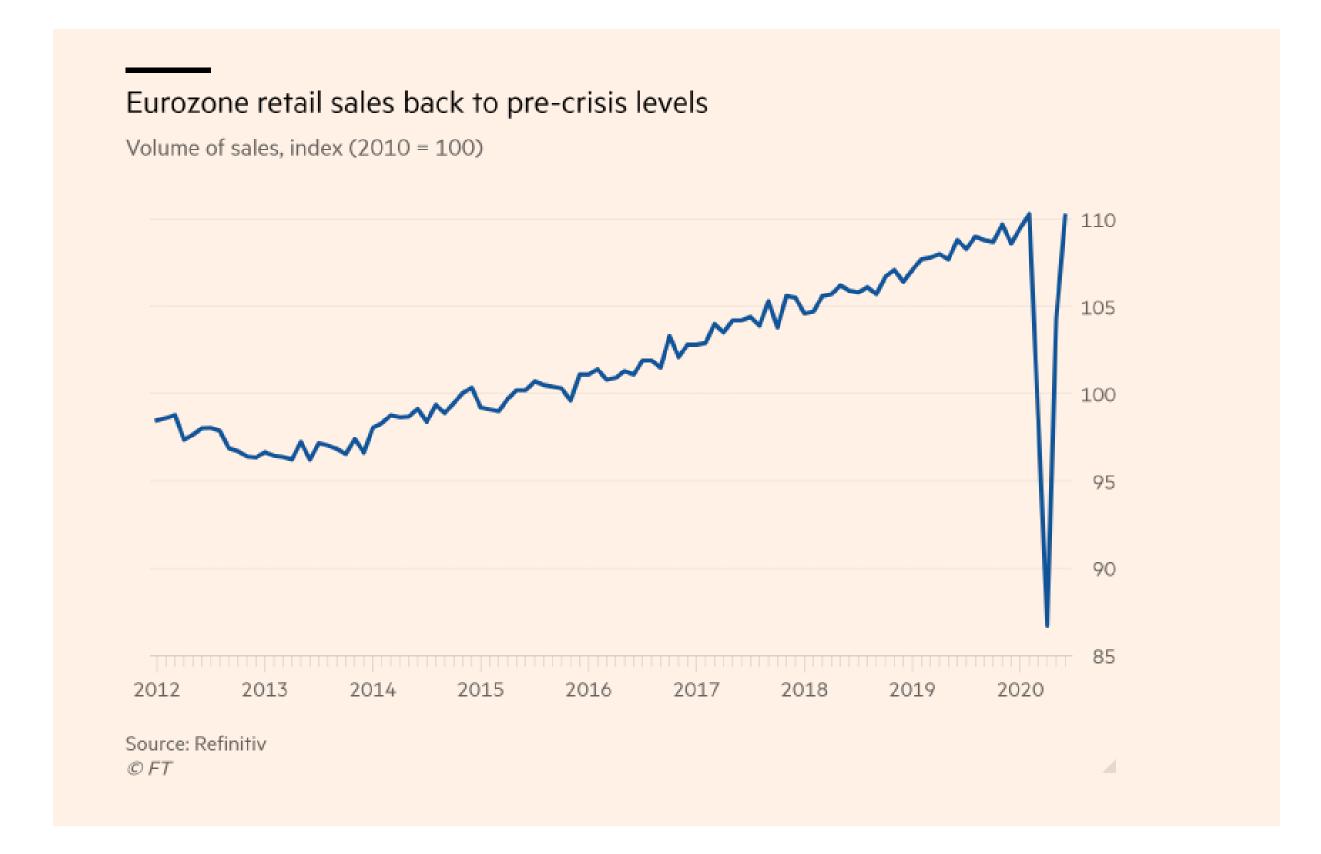
Bloc's consumers return to the high streets in June after pandemic lockdowns lifted



Pedestrians in a shopping precinct in Madrid, Spain. The country experienced one of the sharpest increase in sales, up 16.5 per cent. © Bloomberg

Chelsea Bruce-Lockhart in London AUGUST 5 2020











Korea New Deal

"The Korean New Deal is the blueprint for South Korea's next hundred years," President Moon Jae-in, July 14th







Singapore Small Business Initiatives - Cash Flow, Costs and Credit

"We will stand with our workers and businesses, to ride through this economic storm together, and overcome this challenge to our growth and prosperity."

Heng Swee Keat, Singapore
 Deputy Prime Minister,
 Resilience Budget 2020

Photo by William Cho







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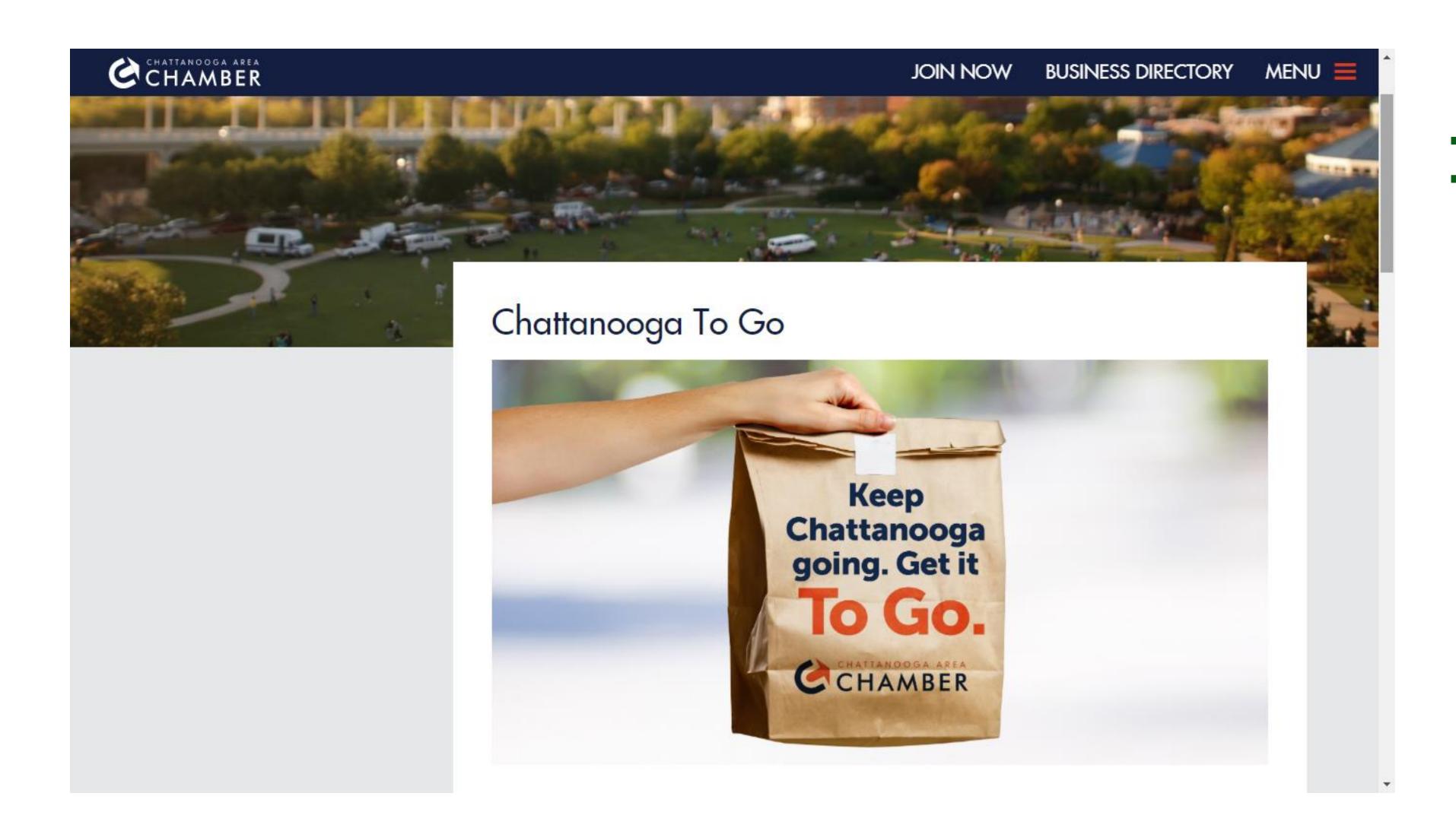
Policy Tracker

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This policy tracker summarizes the key economic responses governments are taking to limit the human and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The tracker includes 196 economies. Last updated on September 11, 2020.

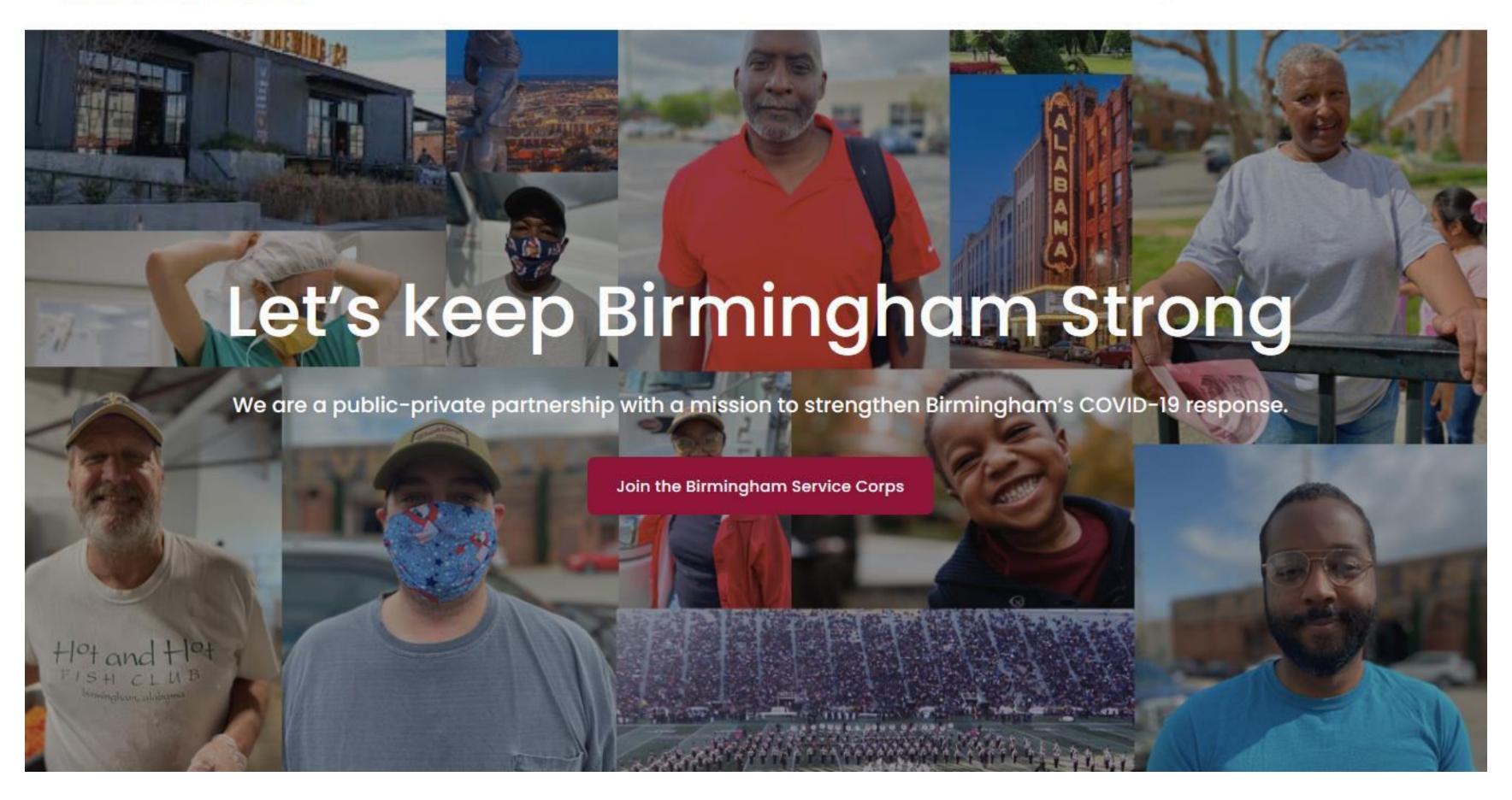






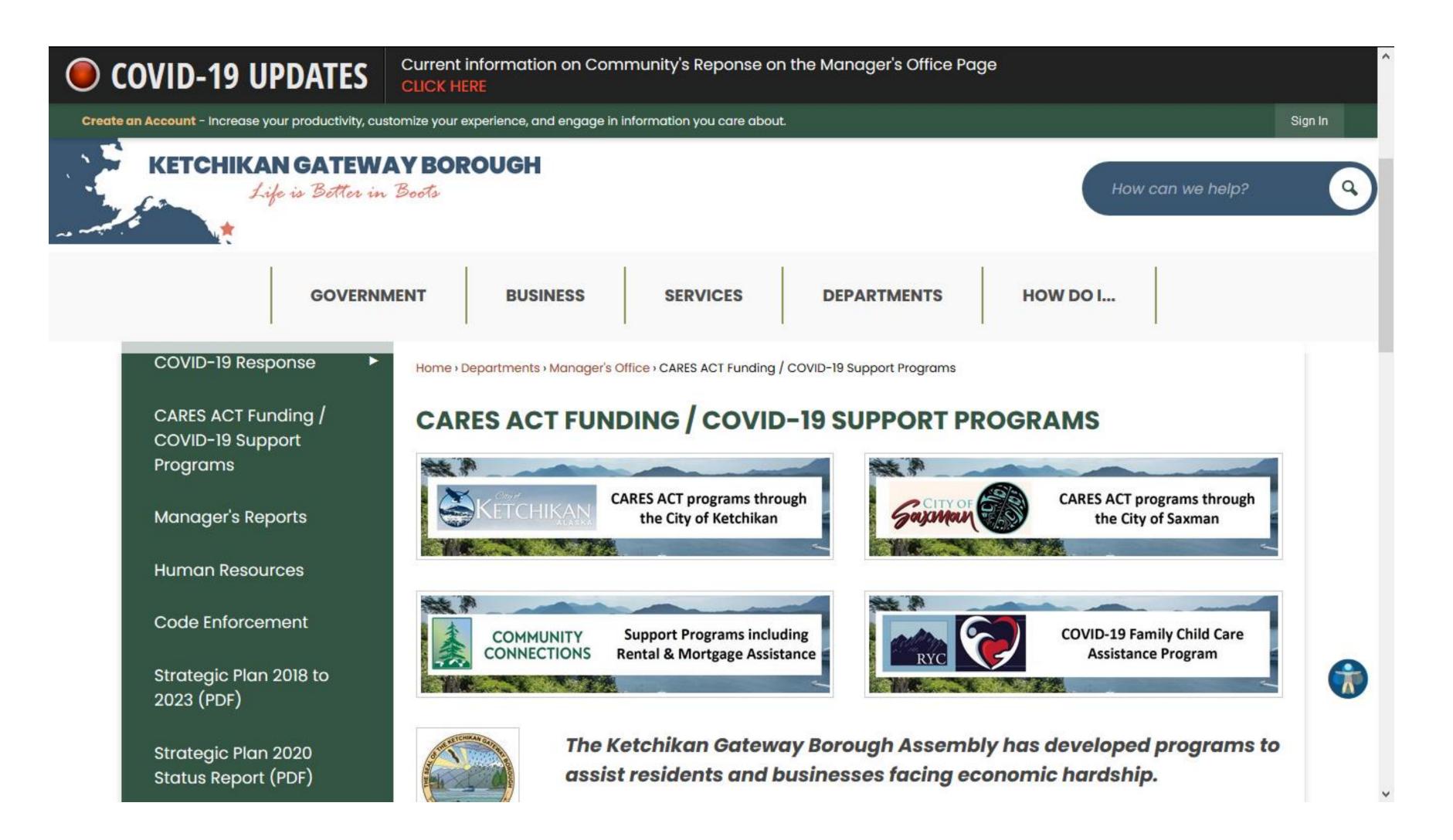
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Small Businesses, Resilience and Recovery











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Or With Children's Lunches During School Closures We Are Here To Help.
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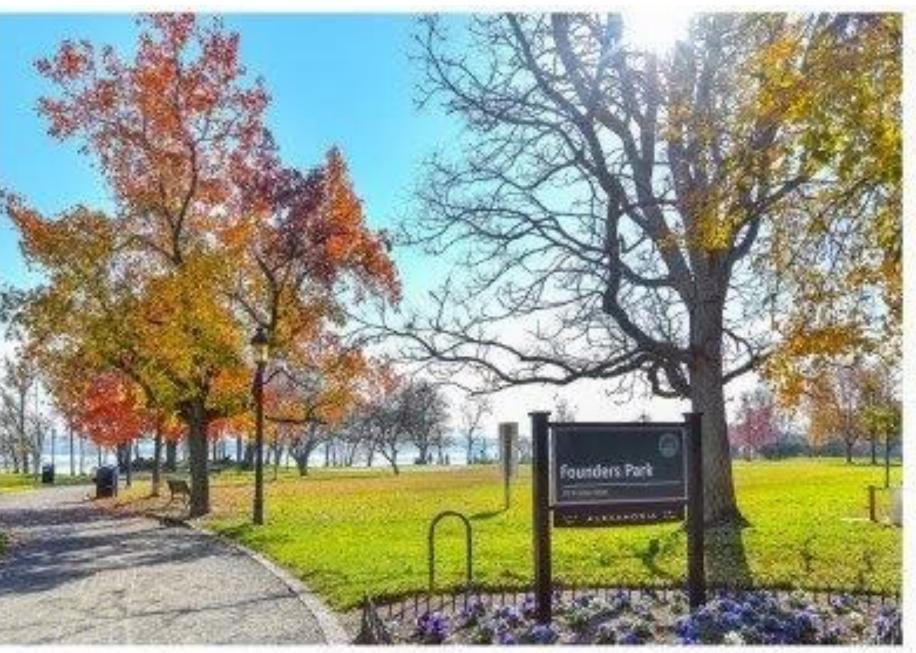
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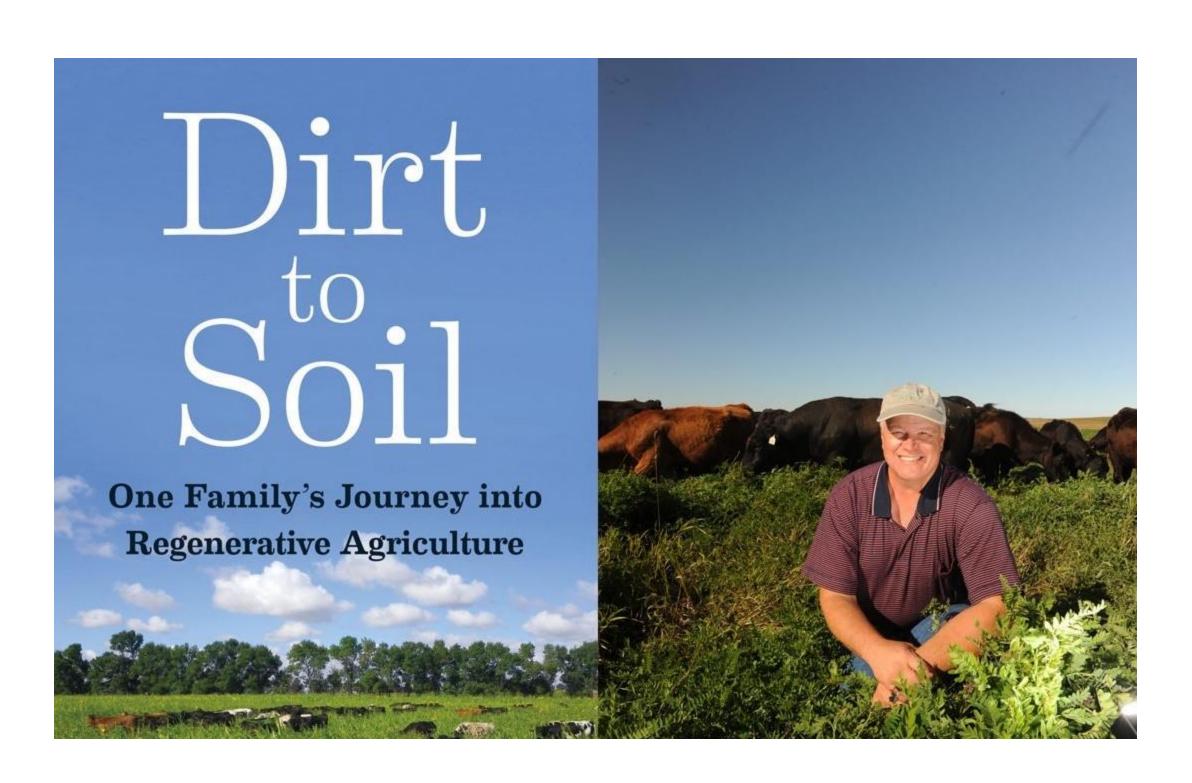
Landini Brothers, Alexandria, Virginia



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Drink Specials

Sunny Wahi \$6.00

Sex on the Beach

Calypso Sunrise

Watermelon Martini

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Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

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To our Coogan's family and friends,

We need your help in saying farewell in a message that is so very difficult to write. What's missing are your stories and wishes and even pics that will make whole the heart of our saying goodbye.

Ironically, this past March 17th would be the last time Coogan's closed its doors. We had hoped to open them again but sadly that it is not possible.

To all our Coogan's family that extends from a corner in New York's Washington Heights to so many in near and distant places, we offer love and best wishes that you remain safe, strong and healthy for now and ever.

Our first priority will be the security and future of our staff. We encourage our friends to contact us to help this quality group of the best possible people in talent, hard work and integrity to obtain jobs and employment. For over thirty five years we have given and received more than is usual in a working experience.

What was made at Coogan's were warm relationships, easy smiles and hearty laughter. If you came in a stranger, you immediately became a friend and left as an 'old timer'. We were able to share a full glass of love with a large plate of honesty in a neighborhood full of the most wonderful people you could ever hope to meet.





Scenario Planning for Your COVID-19 Small Business Recovery

- Exercise 1 Impact Assessment on Customers,
 Suppliers and Staff
- Exercise 2 Cash Flow Scenario Planning
- Exercise 3 Your COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Plan





Exercise 1 – Impact Assessment on Customers, Suppliers and Staff

	Short Term Impacts	Medium Term Impacts	Long Term Impacts
Customers			
Suppliers			
Staff			

Note: For short, medium and long term, please identify impacts on your customers, suppliers and staff.





Your Current Financial Considerations

- Time horizons short, medium, long-term
- Cash flow
- Key factors

Decreased revenuesSalaries

Delayed receivablesVendor Payments

Mortgages and rentIncreased operational

costs

- Ability to defer payments, reduce expenses
- Potential capital access

payments

- Insurance
- Payroll Protection Program, Economic Injury
 Disaster Loans and Puerto Rico specific programs





Exercise 2 – Cash Flow Scenario Planning

	YTD (\$)	Scenario 1 - Optimistic (\$)	Notes		YTD (\$)	Scenario 2 Realistic (\$)	Notes	YTD (\$)	Scenario 3 - Pessimistic (\$)	Notes
Revenue										
Products and Services				-						
COVID Government				-						
Funding				_						
Total Revenue				_						
Expenses										
Salaries										
Facilities										
Utilities										
Cost of Goods										
Insurance										
New COVID Expenses										
Interest										
Taxes										
Total Expenses										
Operating Profit / Loss				_						
				_						
Cash Flow Adjustments										
Adjustment in Payables										
Adjustment in Receivables										
Total Cash Flow Adjustments										
Total Cash Flow (Operating										
Profit / Loss + Cash Flow										
Adjustments)										



Strategies / Initiatives for COVID-19 Recovery and Building Resilience

"Demand, supply and workforce availability"

- Customers
- Products and Services
- Distribution and Channels

Staff

Suppliers

Compliance and Regulation
IT and Technology
Governance and Insurance
Scenario Planning and Risk Assessment
Financial Management

Revenue, profitability and long term success



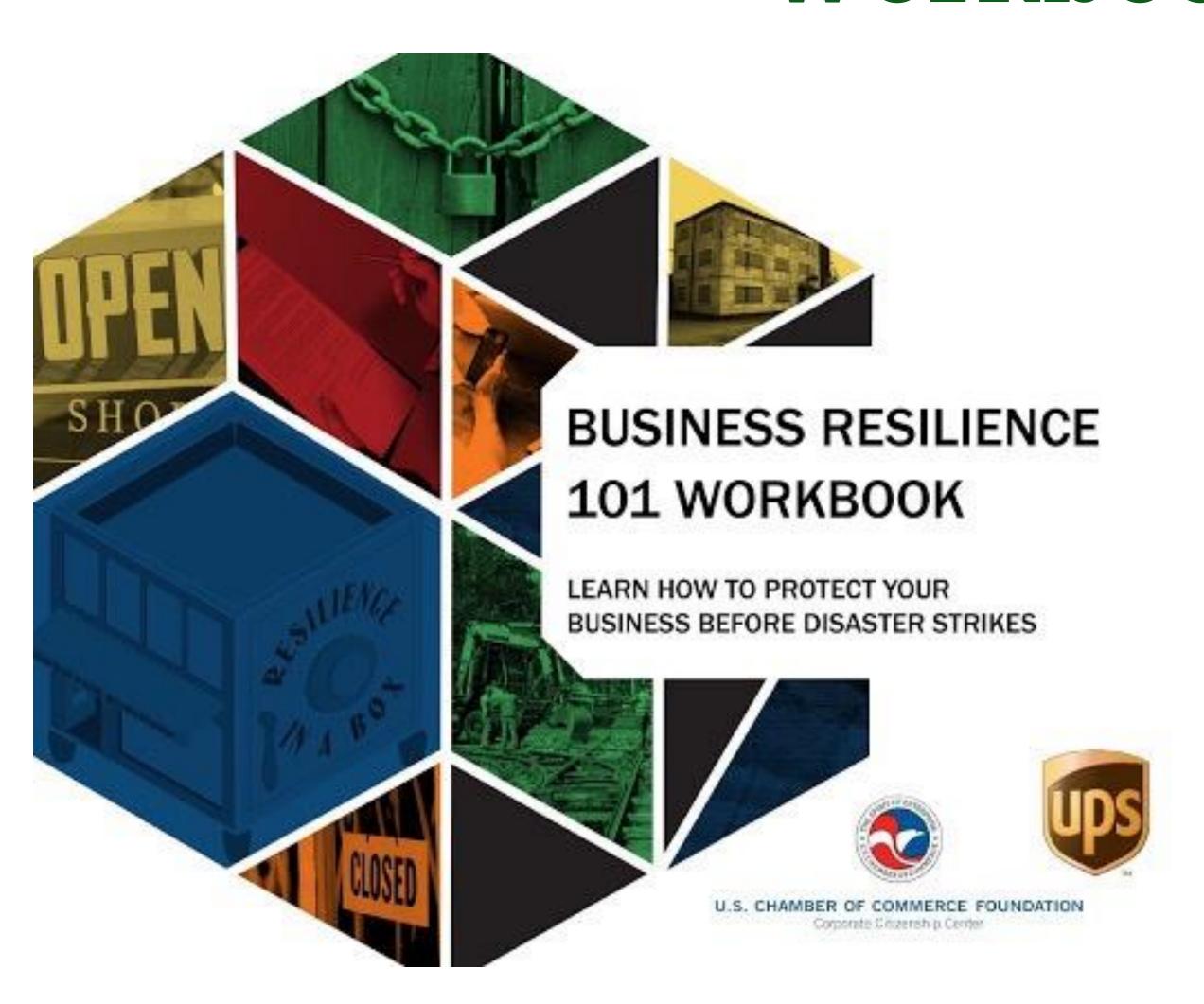


Note: For short, medium and long term and for each of the business areas, identify possible initiatives in line with your Exercise 2 Cash Flow scenarios.

Exercise 3 – Your COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Plan Initiatives

	Short Term Initiatives	Medium Term Initiatives	Long Term Initiatives
Customers			
Products and Services			
Distribution			
Staff			
Suppliers			
Facilities			
Finances			
Governance and Compliance			

Workbook 101





Business Impact Analysis



Business Course Outline

- Lesson 1: Introduction to Workbook & Facilitators,
 Baseline Survey
- Lesson 2: 5 Keys to Networking; Protection of People, Data, and Operations;
- Lesson 3: Digital Marketing for Resilience; Protection of Inventory, Equipment, and Buildings;
- Lesson 4: Keys to Recovering Better; Complete Workbooks, Quiz, Wrap-up;





Workbook 101 Overview (1)

- Business Disaster Resilience Workbook 101
 Developed by US Chamber of Commerce and partners
- Purpose of Workbook
 - Business readiness guidance
 - Easy to use guide to prepare for disasters
 - Best practices on resilience recovery
- Resources to assist companies in completing guides:
 - Puerto Rico Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners
 - Puerto Rico SBA





Workbook 101 Overview (2)

- Workbook 101 has six critical areas that can cause disruption and losses to your business:
 - People
 - Data
 - Operations
 - Inventory
 - Equipment
 - Buildings
- Workbook 101 uses:
 - checklists
 - forms
 - worksheets
- If you have the information readily available, each table will take 5 15 minutes to complete.





Workbook 101 Directions

Step 1 – Create your resiliency team

Step 2 – Gather appropriate information

Step 3 – Answer all questions in each module

Step 4 – Ask questions in the chat box, if you need assistance

We will be available to answer question for roughly I hour

Step 5 – Complete questions after class, if necessary





Impact Assessment

Lesson 1 Assignment

- Part of Resilience in a Box
 - Best practices on small business resilience
 - Serves as a check list of preparedness items
 - Available in multiple languages including Spanish
- Three Levels
 - Basic Lesson 1
 - Intermediate Workbook 101
 - Advanced requires a fee, not necessary
- Basic Form
 - Complete answers



IMPACT TO CRITIC	AL BUSINES	SS ASSET	S	1 = Negligible	2 = Marginal	3 = Critical	4 = Catastrophic
Type of Event	People	Data	Building	Inventory	Equipment	Operations	Score
Accident							0
Computer Virus							0
Cyber Threat							0
Earthquake							0
Fire							0
Flood							0
Hurricane/Typhoon							0
Plane Crash							0
Power Outage							0
Storms							0
Terrorism							0
Theft/Security							0
Thunderstorm/Lightning							0
Tornado							0
Tsunami							0
Volcanic Eruptions							0
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Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Priority	Priority	Priority	Priority	Priority	Priority	Priority	



Baseline Survey



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RESILIENCE IN A BOX IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH:





Research indicates that 43% of businesses never reopen after a disaster, and 25% of business that do, fail within a year. "Resilience in a Box", and all of its resources, is designed to provide the most effective ways to increase your ability to survive and thrive after any disaster such as a flood, earthquake, power outage, etc. Complete this self-assessment to rate your business' readiness here!

HAVE YOU:

Assembled a "team" of individuals within the business who know key operations and can provide important perspectives when planning for and responding to disasters?
Assigned someone to lead business disaster planning efforts for your business?
Organized all your critical documents and information so they are easily accessible when needed most?
Identified and prioritized which business operations are critical so you know what to recover first, second, etc.?
Identified the possible hazards (natural and man-made) which could interrupt your business?
Developed continuity or emergency procedures so you can continue to provide products or services after a disaster (e.g. we cannot access our building, need a generator, etc.)?
Made accessible all important data or files for decision-making if you were unable to access your facility, e.g. after a fire?
Maintained updated emergency contact information for employees, vendors, suppliers, customers, and other key contacts?





Role of Facilitators

- About Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners
- Work with Business Course students aligned with sectors
- Provide counselling via breakout sessions





How to Help Business Owners Get the Most from Their Course (1):

Roles for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners

Before the Course

Understand Instructional Materials

- Baseline Survey: Business Preparedness Checklist
 - Readiness Assessment
- Feeds into "Resilience in a Box" Workbook to Develop a Resilience Plan
 - Plus two additional Sections: "Adaptability & Repositioning" and "Pivot"
- Plans evaluated using "20 Tips for Business Preparedness"





How to Help Business Owners Get the Most from Their Course (2):

Roles for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners

During the Course

Keep focus on business needs

 Help us understand the differences among Puerto Rican business sectors in the course

Set course focus areas in Puerto Rican context

- Impact of Hurricane on COVID-19
- Resources Available
- Active 2020 Hurricane Season
- Earthquake Trends
- Fiscal Situation
- Recommend adjustments to course material (You'll see the lesson content first)





How to Help Business Owners Get the Most from Their Course (3):

Roles for Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners

After the Course

- Reinforce Value of Resilience Plans and Need to Maintain them
- Help Business Owners Understand the Relationships between Resilience and Return on Investment
 - Estimate 1 to 4 ratio of funds spent in preparation vs those spent in recovery
- Learn from Facilitators
- Follow up to Establish Mentoring Relationships



Development & Assessment of Plans



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https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/sites/default/files/media-uploads/3-RiaB_BASIC-Top-20-Tips-for-Biz-Prep-ENG.pdf

LEA NUESTROS CONSEJOS PARA APRENDER

COMENZANDO HOY...

PROTEGER LAS OPERACIONES

PROTEJA A LAS PERSONAS
Y LAS RELACIONES

PROTEGER EDIFICIOS, EQUIPOS Y DATOS

PROTEGER SU MARCA

PONER EL PLAN EN ACCIÓN





Key Takeaways

Resilience and Business Innovation Course has 3 main goals:

 Give Puerto Rican business owners/operators tools to become more resilient in the face of multiple challenges

Key to this is a resilience plan that is kept up to date and exercised

 Provide Entrepreneurs Support Practitioners with tools to help business course graduates sustain the progress they've made in the course

Engagement in the course, and follow-on "Accompaniment," can be very helpful in maximizing its value

Promote discussions of ways to make Puerto Rico overall more resilient



Upcoming Schedule

Please join us for the next Puerto Rico Science, Technology & Research Trust's Puerto Rico Resilience and Business Innovation course session on Sep 22, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM with two topics:



Module 2 Strategic Policy and Analysis Concepts (Tue, Sep 22, 6:00-8:00)

Lesson B: Strategy and Policy Aspects of Puerto Rican Resilience



Lesson 2: 5 Keys to Networking; Protection of People, Data, and Operations



Questions Very Welcome

