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This study explores the financial resilience and operational strategies of nonprofit organizations in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of natural disasters, focusing on the impacts of economic instability. The research leverages a comprehensive dataset combining survey responses and financial data from 990 forms, analyzing the financial health and operational adaptations of these organizations. Existing literature emphasizes the critical role of nonprofit organizations in disaster recovery and community resilience. However, there is limited research on the strategies employed by these organizations to maintain operations during disasters. This gap is particularly relevant for Puerto Rico, where recurrent disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and COVID-19. robust management practices. The study addresses three research questions: (1) How have nonprofit organizations in Puerto Rico adapted their strategies in response to disasters? (2) How do these strategies differ across various types of nonprofit organizations? This research addresses this gap by providing a detailed analysis of financial and operational data from nonprofits in Puerto Rico. The study utilizes a mixedmethods approach, integrating analysis of financial data from IRS 990 forms with insights from survey responses. Understanding the financial and operational strategies that enhance resilience can inform best practices and support the development of policies aimed at strengthening the nonprofit sector in disasterprone regions. By highlighting successful adaptations, this research contributes to the broader discourse on organizational resilience and sustainability in the face of economic and environmental challenges.