

Remembering Hurricane Karina at 20



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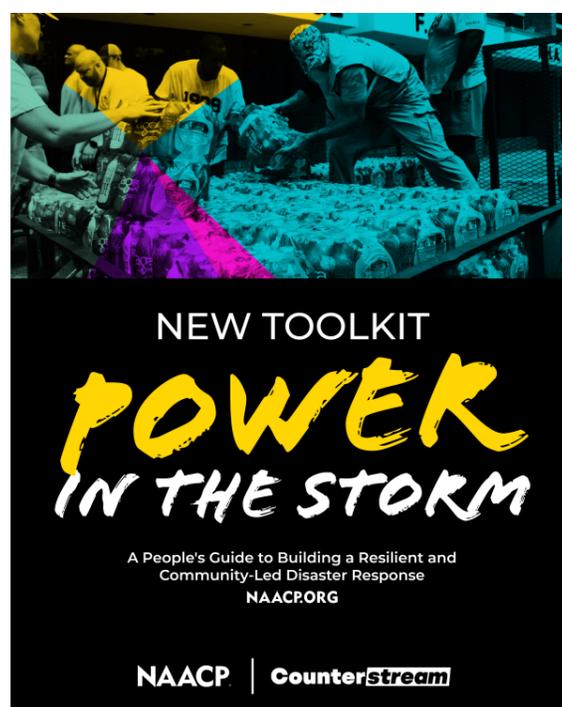
Twenty years ago today, Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Gulf Coast, forever changing the lives of millions and revealing harsh truths about our nation's vulnerabilities. The storm claimed at least 1,700 lives, displaced more than a million people, and caused damage exceeding \$170 billion.



But Katrina's true devastation wasn't just measured in wind speed or storm surge. The hurricane exposed systemic failures in emergency response, highlighted stark racial and economic inequities, and revealed how quickly entire communities can be abandoned when they need help the most — particularly Black and other frontline communities.

Inequitable response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of Katrina stripped Black communities of wealth, land, and stability that may never be fully restored. Entire neighborhoods were destroyed, and many residents never returned home.

This kind of tragedy cannot happen again. Enter "[Power in the Storm: A People's Guide to Building a Resilient and Community-Led Disaster Response.](#)"



The NAACP and [Counterstream](#) are taking a bold step forward by partnering to launch this powerful new toolkit designed to help guide leaders at every level — local, state, and federal — toward equity-driven disaster preparedness and climate resilience.

Over the past few days, the NAACP has been hosting [a series of activations](#) in Gulfport, MS, and New Orleans to provide the NAACP community and the

public with vital tools and knowledge to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related disasters in ways that truly center Black communities.

We're taking vital steps to ensure history doesn't repeat itself, and that starts with arming our communities and our leaders with information.

[Explore the toolkit](#)

Two decades after Katrina, we continue to stand with the survivors, [uplift their stories](#), and recommit ourselves to fighting for a future where no community is left behind in the face of climate catastrophe.

Keep Advancing,

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