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Andrés began his career at FEMA in May 2018. Until 2024, he held the responsibility of deputy federal disaster recovery coordinator for the Recovery Office, playing a pivotal role in overseeing historic levels of federal funding for Puerto Rico's recovery.

One of his most significant contributions to the agency include playing a key role in setting the FEMA Consolidated Resource Center CRC-Atlantic, designed to develop scopes and cost estimates for all projects from multiple declared FEMA disasters at Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

His experience at FEMA includes leading the Infrastructure Branch as deputy director, supervising branch directors and over 160 personnel serving all 78 municipalities for operations related to Hurricane Maria and the 2020 Earthquakes in Puerto Rico. He also assumed the role of Water Sector director, which evaluated all water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in Puerto Rico because of Hurricane María.

His leadership and experience have gained him many awards and recognitions, such as the FEMA Administrator's Award 2019 for his support to the Education Sector on the inspection of schools in Puerto Rico; and the FEMA Administrator's Award 2023 for the Puerto Rico Island-Wide Benefit Cost Analysis (IWBCA) team, which devised a method to assess the cost efficiency of risk reduction strategies for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. On November 2018 he represented FEMA as speaker during the water infrastructure resilience workshop Innovations for a Sustainable Infrastructure from Zofnass Program at Harvard University.

Before his experience at FEMA, Andrés worked as Administrative Affairs director at the Directorate of the Courts Administration Office. Among his responsibilities, he oversaw the response and recovery activities from Hurricane María, focused on bringing back to normal all operations at judicial system facilities.

His professional background in the local government spanned for 14 years and included working as city administrator and executive director at the Municipality of San Juan. He held several positions in the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA), such as executive assistant to the president, vice-president, acting president and deputy director for PRASA and deputy director of operations for PRASA Eastern Region; and he also worked as auxiliary assistant to the governor for Infrastructure Affairs and as executive assistant to the governor's chief of staff at La Fortaleza.

Andrés holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Puerto Rico and a master's degree in water resources management from the University of Connecticut. Seven of his articles have been published in renowned scientific journals. He also worked as a hydrologist for the International Institute of Tropical Forestry, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service at San Juan and as a part-time professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

Andrés is married, has two offspring and is an eager fan and author of a book of statistics of Puerto Rican baseball players. The Mayagüez Indians, his favorite Puerto Rico baseball team. .