# Challenges Faced by Hospitals in Puerto Rico when it comes to Access to Reliable & Sustainable Energy Sources

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### **Root Problem**

Puerto Rico's hospitals face limited infrastructure and funding for energy-efficient equipment and renewable energy projects due to government overregulation. Private funding and resources are utilized for the implementation of such projects, including solar and wind power.



## **Key Obstacle**

Achieving reliable and sustainable energy sources for the hospital, reducing dependence on fossil fuels, decreasing energy costs, and increasing resilience to natural disasters through free market solutions. This approach would ensure a sustainable energy future for the hospital while minimizing government intervention.



# Consequences

Failing to address this obstacle results in continued reliance on fossil fuels, vulnerable energy infrastructure, and increased energy costs, hindering progress towards energy, resilience and equity goals in the hospital setting. This is due to overregulation and lack of private sector innovation.



### Statement

Regarding municipalities, to achieve Puerto Rico's energy, resilience and equity goals, a critical obstacle to collectively overcome in 12 months is the overregulation and government intervention that hinders private sector investments and innovation in energy-efficient equipment and renewable energy projects.

By limiting government involvement and promoting private sector solutions, we can achieve a sustainable energy future for all hospitals in Puerto Rico.