

#### HIGHLIGHTS

◇ The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Micronesia continues to work under the leadership of the State and FSM National Governments, and in tandem with local partners, to identify and meet immediate humanitarian needs emerging from Typhoon Maysak.

◇ In Chuuk, IOM is supporting the Chuuk State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) priorities of water, food, hygiene and shelter assistance. IOM is coordinating with Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS) and State-level Departments in providing targeted assistance to meet key relief needs.

◇ In Yap, IOM's focus is now on the distribution of locally-procured food, in addition to continued delivery of shelter materials and decentralized water production, as prioritized by the Disaster Coordination Officer and other government partners.

◇ A charter flight funded by USAID delivered water treatment supplies, water containers, and plastic sheeting from pre-positioned stocks in Dubai to Yap and Chuuk on April 22.

◇ Through the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Government of Japan donated jerry cans and water purifiers to the Government of the FSM. As of April 27, twenty of these have been distributed by IOM to islands in Ulithi atoll. Distribution of 35 water purifiers for Chuuk is targeted at health dispensaries in the most vulnerable areas within the lagoon islands.

◇ Financial support from the Australian Government for shelter and hygiene materials, in addition to logistics efforts, has been vital to IOM's continued lifesaving initiatives in Chuuk and Yap States. Additionally, the FSM Government's two patrol boats provided by Australia have been extensively used to support relief operations.

◇ On April 28, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD) in response to the damage caused by Typhoon Maysak in the FSM. The PDD enables US funding to be released for the reconstruction and restoration of housing and public infrastructure.



USAID relief commodities that arrived by charter flight are delivered to communities in Yap, FSM © IOM Micronesia 2015

- Over **28,600** typhoon-affected individuals in Chuuk State\*
- Over **1,100** typhoon-affected individuals in Yap State\*

\* According to GoFSM and USG PDA April 13, 2015

## Background

Between March 28 – April 1, Typhoon Maysak crossed directly over Chuuk State and increased in strength as it continued across Yap State. Governor Elimo of Chuuk and Governor Ganngiyan of Yap declared a State of Emergency on March 30 and April 1, respectively. President Mori issued a Presidential emergency declaration for both locations and a combination of state, national and international human and financial resources are being mobilized to meet urgent humanitarian and financial needs. President Barack Obama signed a Presidential Disaster Declaration on April 28.



IOM Disaster Response Team distributes JICA relief items Chuuk © IOM Micronesia 2015

## Overview of Assistance to date

### Chuuk State

• Installation of **17 water distribution points** in the Chuuk lagoon islands was completed on April 28. The sites were determined and prioritized by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and each location will now be visited every two weeks to refill the tanks while intermediate water solutions are sought. Working closely with the Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC), IOM has delivered a total of **24,000 gallons of water** since April 13 and plans to supply 2,000 gallons per day on a rotational basis. **3,000 jerry cans from JICA and USAID** have now been distributed to families for transporting water from distribution sites.

- The IOM-chartered *Indies Trader* set sail for the remote outer islands on April 30, transporting **five reverse osmosis portable units, water tanks, plastic sheeting, rope, and locally-procured soap. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials** related to hygiene, saving water, and shelter construction were also provided. A technician from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) will be installing the RO units, training community members in affected areas, and working closely with a representative from CPUC who will be responsible for the maintenance of the units. Each unit will be able to supply **360 gallons of water per day**. Joining the ship are members from the DCO and the Departments of Health, Agriculture and Planning and Infrastructure, who will be conducting assessments of **Onoun, Onou, Makur, Unanu and Piherarh in the Northwest**.



- On April 30, IOM joined the Public Health and Safety Department's delivery on board the FSM national patrol boat *FSS Independence* to Romanum and Fanapanges in Chuuk's lagoon area to deliver JICA donated ceramic water purifiers. Distribution of the 35 water purifiers is targeted at health dispensaries in the most vulnerable areas within the lagoon islands.
- In the lagoon islands, **530 households have received USAID-funded hygiene kits** (7 people per household, with supplies estimated to last one month).
- Upon receiving USAID plastic sheeting and jerry cans via charter plane, IOM worked closely with the Chuuk EOC to prioritize distribution. Jerry cans continue to be distributed to households receiving water or that are serviced from RO units. The plastic sheeting is being distributed in coordination with EOC to ensure that those who have not received tarps from the Micronesian Red Cross Society or FSM Government are targeted. Distributions are on-going and will reach **over 165 households by the end of the week**.
- IOM has procured **11,304 bars of soap from Chuuk local markets** and will receive a supplementary shipment from Guam in early May. Targeted soap distributions with the available supplies are taking place in both the Northwest and Lagoon Islands.

### Yap State

- On April 25, IOM joined Yap State officials on the *Caroline Voyager* to make distributions to Ulithi atoll and Fais Island. IOM delivered vegetable oil, rice, canned protein, fruit, vegetables, bringing the total amount of IOM-purchased, locally-procured food delivered to affected areas within Ulithi atoll to approximately **44,064 pounds, or 22 tons**, since April 4.
- **IOM distributed 407 rolls of plastic sheeting and rope** in order to meet the household emergency shelter needs of **more than 200 families**. This sheeting was sent via charter plane by USAID, and arrived into Yap International Airport on April 22.
- The airlift also included **50,000 additional Aquatabs** that were delivered on the voyage that initiated April 25. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials related to hygiene, water conservation and treatment, and shelter construction were also provided to affected communities. In collaboration with Yap State's Environmental Protection Agency and Sea Transportation Office, **500 thick-poly garbage bags and six cement slings** were delivered in order to dispose of relief-associated waste and ensure environmental hygiene – once full, the bags will be returned using IOM logistics and disposed of accordingly on the main island.
- IOM also delivered **20 Japan donated ceramic water purifiers to affected communities**, and offered training on their use and maintenance.
- IOM is in the process of **deploying five reverse osmosis portable units** – each with a production capacity of 360 gallons per day – with relevant solar panels, batteries and accessories on the next journey of the Yap State ship, the *Hapilmogol*, in tandem with additional food relief items.

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