

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Micronesia is working 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.
- ◇ Between April 8 and 13, IOM participated as an observer on Preliminary Damage Assessments in Yap and Chuuk conducted jointly by the Governments of the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia to evaluate the impact of Typhoon Maysak.
- ◇ In Yap, IOM is focusing on water treatment and production as prioritized by key Government partners. IOM deployed a prepositioned United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Reverse Osmosis (RO) Filtration Unit with a generator to Falalop, Ulithi with technical assistance from Yap State Public Service Corporation (YSPSC). The unit is capable of providing 6,000 gallons of water per day, and became operational on April 17.
- ◇ In Chuuk, IOM is supporting the Chuuk State Disaster Coordination Office's (DCO) priority of assistance provision to displaced persons currently residing in collective centers.* IOM coordinated teams that include Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS) and State-level Departments to visit collective centers and provide targeted assistance to meet key relief needs.
- ◇ To support the initial and immediate mobilization of IOM's relief activities, Micronesia Registration Advisors (MRA) provided US\$25,000 for logistics and supplies on April 7.
- ◇ On April 9, the Japanese Government through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) donated and deployed water purifiers and jerry cans from their Singapore warehouse to the respective State Governments for distribution through IOM's ongoing logistics operations.
- ◇ On April 13, the Australian Government announced funding of AUS\$100,000 to IOM for shelter materials and tools, hygiene kits, and logistical support for emergency relief operations.



A barge carrying drinking water from Weno to Chuuk's lagoon islands affected by Typhoon Maysak © John Schroer 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

On March 27, Typhoon Maysak entered FSM waters and crossed directly over Chuuk State on March 28 and 29. It increased in strength as it continued across Yap State from March 30 to April 1. Governor Elimo of Chuuk and Governor Ganngiyan of Yap declared a State of Emergency on March 30 and April 1, respectively. FSM President Mori issued a presidential emergency declaration for both locations, and a combination of local, national, and international human and financial resources are being mobilized to meet urgent humanitarian needs.

Overview of Assistance to date

Chuuk State

- The Chuuk DCO has prioritized the need to assist those most vulnerable who have been displaced and are currently staying in collective centers.* IOM is helping coordinate multi-agency teams to provide targeted relief assistance to collective centers **in the most affected region of Faichuuk and additional lagoon islands of Chuuk**. As of April 20, IOM partnered with the Chuuk State Departments of Health and Public Safety, and the MRCS to provide **over 300 families with hygiene kits, food items, and tarps** delivered

* *Collective centers* are defined as "Pre-existing buildings and structures used for the collective and communal non-permanent accommodation of evacuated/displaced persons in the event of a disaster" by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Operational Guidelines on the Protection of Persons in Situations of Natural Disasters. The Chuuk EOC is utilizing the term *shelter* in parallel to the IASC definition of *collective center*: any place where one or more families are residing outside their normal residence due to Typhoon Maysak; this can be another home or a public building.



IOM Disaster Response Team member assisting community in Chuuk with emergency water supply
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via National patrol boat *Independence*. Current plans indicate that this program will reach additional households in the Chuuk Lagoon and on Weno in the coming days, following the completion of Department of Health assessment data.

- **IOM continues to assist with the distribution of drinking water in Chuuk.** The robust water program – including **establishment of water distribution points in more than 11 affected areas** – will **target an additional 11 communities** before the end of the week. Recognizing that this water initiative is short-term, and designed to support immediate needs, IOM is coordinating closely with the DCO and Chuuk Public Utility Corporation (CPUC) to identify the most appropriate programs to rehabilitate the regular water systems and functions. Each targeted community receives enough jerry cans for each family to safely store 20 liters

(approximately 5 gallons) of water. As of April 20, **over 2,000 jerry cans have been distributed**, and additional distributions are forthcoming. JICA-donated jerry cans were provided to the most affected areas of Faichuk.

- On April 8, **IOM provided two portable generators to CPUC to support temporary pumping at well sites in areas of Weno Island** without restored electricity. CPUC is regularly filling water storage tanks using power from portable generators in affected communities.
- **10,000 water treatment (chlorination) tablets, and 4 boxes of oral rehydration salts** were donated to the Department of Health, in tandem with Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials to help dispensary staff properly utilize the items.
- In close coordination with the DCO, as of April 20, **IOM has distributed over 11,000 pounds of locally-procured food relief targeting those most in need** in the Faichuk Region, as well as other Chuuk lagoon islands.

Yap State

- Due to the unavailability of pre-disaster drinking water sources in affected areas, **IOM is prioritizing water treatment and production** in affected areas of Ulithi.
- On April 4, **950 pounds of IOM-funded, locally-procured hygiene items were delivered to the four islands within Ulithi Atoll** via a privately-owned vessel boat. Subsequently, another 1,000 USAID-funded prepositioned hygiene kits were distributed by IOM via the Yap State vessel, *MV. Hapilmogol*, to both Ulithi Atoll and Fais.
- On April 13, **1,000 USAID-funded jerry cans were distributed by IOM in Ulithi Atoll along with two chainsaws, tents, tarpaulins, ropes, and plastic sheeting.**
- With the technical assistance of YSPSC, **IOM staff deployed a prepositioned USAID funded RO Filtration Unit with a generator to Falalop on April 17.** This unit is **capable of providing 6,000 gallons of water per day**, which could provide approximately 40 liters (10.6 gallons) of drinking water per person for a population of 560 every day.
- IOM staff are currently deployed with specialists from Majuro Water and Sewer Company on the islands of Ulithi to **assist with the installation, maintenance, and operation of smaller-capacity RO units** which run on solar and/or generator power and that have been deployed from USAID-funded regional stockpiles.



IOM Disaster Response Team assesses damage in Chuuk, FSM
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