

HIGHLIGHTS



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Supplemental Food Assistance Distribution in Piis, Chuuk.

The International Organization for Migration/Micronesia (IOM) continues to work under the leadership of the State and FSM National Governments, and in tandem with local partners, to identify and meet recovery and reconstruction needs following Typhoon Maysak's destruction earlier this year.

In the days following the disaster, IOM/Micronesia's immediate efforts included the provision of critical lifesaving food, water, and shelter supplies to the most-affected areas of Yap and Chuuk States. These initiatives were funded by Micronesia Registration Advisors and the Governments of Australia and Japan.

Following the FSM's state of emergency and request for international assistance, U.S. President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Under the terms of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and FSM Governments, this Declaration mobilized U.S. federal funding for immediate emergency relief and reconstruction

assistance. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is the primary U.S. federal agency responsible for the provision of this assistance, and has supported IOM and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the provision of relief and recovery assistance.

In order to enhance agricultural recovery, FAO is providing seeds, seedlings, and garden tools in affected areas. The Government of New Zealand has additionally supported IOM's efforts to facilitate the rehabilitation of rainwater collection infrastructure.

IOM is USAID's primary implementing partner for the repair and reconstruction of private housing, public infrastructure, and public utilities that were damaged by Typhoon Maysak.

OVERVIEW

- In both states, IOM utilized a **digital geo-spatial assessment tool** to conduct household-level damage assessments and to evaluate community water and agricultural needs. Determinations regarding the level of damage to each main sleeping house – minor or major damage, fully destroyed – correlate to the rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance currently being mobilized.
- IOM has established logistics operations to transport supplementary food assistance that will soon transition into **facilitating the transportation of reconstruction and repair materials for private housing and public infrastructure**. Food assistance will lessen in the coming months as crops recover and agricultural production capacity increases. IOM facilitated the movement of FAO's agricultural assistance on the same vessels used for food distribution.
- Within the next 18 months, USAID funding will enable IOM to **rebuild and repair at least 600 homes and more than 100 sites of key infrastructure** (such as schools and clinics) in Typhoon Maysak-affected areas. IOM is also providing USAID-funded tents to ensure that the disaster doesn't interrupt the education of children in remote outer islands, while schools are reconstructed.
- IOM staff in Yap and Chuuk continues to hold meetings and consultative sessions with affected communities in order to provide information about the process of reconstruction and their role in rehabilitation and recovery. IOM is also attending the regular meetings chaired by state authorities in order to **enhance coordination and communication for recovery and rehabilitation efforts**.

ASSISTANCE TO DATE



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IOM and USAID Representatives Test The Reverse Osmosis Filtration Unit in Falalop, Ulithi

CHUUK

- Between April 7 and October 6, IOM provided 1,264 metric tons (2,786,643 lbs) of USAID-supported supplementary food assistance to more than 26,000 people in 34 of the lagoon and outer islands of Chuuk.
- Cumulatively, 908 units plastic sheeting, 48,675 feet of rope, 59,543 bars of soap, and 6,595 water storage containers were delivered to affected areas of Chuuk state by IOM. In the initial weeks of the response, IOM delivered more than 30,000 gallons of potable water to 17 lagoon island locations, while a total of 260,000 water treatment tablets were provided to affected populations via their health dispensaries.
- IOM is partnering with the Chuuk Women's Council to conduct post-distribution monitoring surveys. CWC is convening interviews and focus group discussions to determine if affected communities feel that the humanitarian assistance provided has been timely, relevant to their needs, and appropriate. Their findings are presented within the Chuuk State Emergency Operations Center and any adjustments made accordingly.

• With the financial support of the New Zealand Government, IOM improved drinking water capacity on the small lagoon island of Siis by more than 7,700 gallons. IOM staff provided rainwater catchment repairs to schools and churches, repairing and replacing guttering, pipes, and tanks that were damaged by Typhoon Maysak.

YAP

- Between April 14 and October 6, IOM provided 117 metric tons (257,941 lbs) of USAID-funded supplementary food assistance to approximately 1,100 people on 5 affected islands in Yap.
- Cumulatively, 440 units of plastic sheeting and rope, more than 1,000 hygiene kits, and 1,500 water storage containers, and 50,000 water treatment tablets were delivered to affected areas of Yap state by IOM.
- IOM continues to support the provision of potable water through a 6,000 gallon per day reverse osmosis filtration unit in Falalop, where critical rainwater harvesting equipment is being restored.

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