FEMA and USACE Distribute Tarps and Generators to Critical Needs Facilities

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), together with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has delivered tarps and generators to critical needs facilities severely damaged by Hurricane Maria.

Tarps are used to protect contents from further damage in buildings that have not completely been destroyed. FEMA has provided a total of 8,380 tarps for critical facilities in Guaynabo, San Sebastian, Corporacion ENLACE del Caño Martin Peña, Dorado, Cayey, Toa Baja, San Juan, Ciales, Carolina (300), Ponce, Río Grande, and eight Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency (PREMA) Zones.

Life-saving and life-sustaining facilities such as hospitals, shelters, water pumping and wastewater stations require electricity to function. USACE conducts assessments of critical facilities and works with the facility to properly address power needs. If a generator is required, USACE works to provide an appropriate generator. To date, USACE has conducted 129 assessments and have identified and installed 26 generators. Additionally there are four installations in progress:

- EB San Luis (North)
- Hospital Wilma Vazquez
- Hospital Pavia (Arecibo)
- Communications Infrastructure Tower/Repetidor

USACE is also assisting with repairs on hospital generators that were already in place prior to the storm.

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