

FEMA and other Federal Agencies Continue to Support Typhoon Mawar Response

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA, federal partners and territorial officials are working to determine any additional resources needed to respond to the impacts of Typhoon Mawar as it moves past Guam and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

Typhoon Mawar caused significant impacts to essential services throughout portions of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, including water, energy and transportation.

FEMA continues coordination with the impacted areas and is leveraging prepositioned teams, commodities and equipment to immediately respond and help stabilize community lifelines. Federal search and rescue teams supported by the Coast Guard and the Department of Defense are activated and ready to support as needed.

While typhoon warnings for some areas have been cancelled, residents should expect continued heavy rainfall, associated mudslides and local flooding. Residents should avoid flood waters and follow the instructions of their local emergency management authority.

Federal Actions and Safety Tips

- Territorial and local authorities are leading whole community efforts, with FEMA coordinating federal support to help the people, government and communities on Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in case resources, personnel and teams can assist with lifesaving and life-sustaining activities.
- Guam Power Authority reported approximately 51,000 customers are without power. Additional damage assessments and power restoration work will begin, starting with critical services including hospitals, wastewater facilities and



shelters. Initial restorations may be slowed by debris removal operations.

- FEMA deployed or pre-staged more than 150 staff in the Pacific to be able to quickly supplement territorial and local response efforts to help save lives and protect property.
 - In total, 320 personnel are supporting the response as FEMA deployed an Incident Management Assistance Team sent to Guam before the typhoon and another team is pre-staged in Hawaii to deploy.
 - FEMA's Distribution Center in Guam is fully stocked with about four times the amount of food and water compared to the commodity stock in place during typhoon Mangkhut in 2018.
 - The distribution center is also connected to a network of warehouses and logistics capabilities, with another large warehouse in Hawaii. Additional commodities and supplies stand ready, if needed.
- U.S. Health and Human Services Operation Center pre-positioned 35 personnel, including a Health and Medical Task Force from its National Disaster Medical System, as well as an incident management team and logisticians to assist with the response. A second task force has been placed on advisory status.
- The Red Cross is working with local emergency management to meet the needs of the communities affected. As many as 200 trained disaster workers and emergency supplies are being deployed to the Pacific.
- The U.S. Geological Survey storm team activated to share Coastal Change Hazards resources. Real time data can be viewed on the [USGS Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center website](#).
- FEMA mission assigned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist with temporary emergency power, temporary roofing and debris management support. USACE deployed several personnel to provide public works and engineering technical expertise.
 - More than 60 generators are en route to the Pacific and more than 100 generators already in Guam for use.
- To ensure all residents affected by Typhoon Mawar have access to FEMA information, we are proactively identifying language needs and taking steps to make sure communities are informed in the language of their preference.
- For those seeking the status of family members or friends on the island but are having trouble connecting, the communications and electrical systems are being repaired and stabilized at this time. For real time updates, visit the following links for the latest information:
 - Guam Homeland Security: <https://ghs.guam.gov>



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- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor:
<https://governor.gov.mp/>
- The American Red Cross of Guam hotline: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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