

MICRONESIA – TYPHOON MAYSAK

FACT SHEET #5, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

29,700

Number of People Affected by Typhoon Maysak in FSM
UN – June 2015

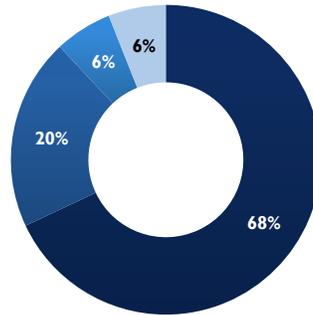
1,500

Number of People Displaced by Typhoon Maysak in FSM
UN – June 2015

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Confirmed Typhoon-Related Fatalities
UN – June 2015

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2015



■ Logistics Support and Relief Commodities (68%)

■ Agriculture and Food Security (20%)

■ Shelter and Settlements (6%)

■ Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (6%)

HIGHLIGHTS

- USAID continues to assist typhoon-affected communities
- IOM provides nearly 690 MT of food assistance in Chuuk and Yap
- FAO supports agricultural recovery for typhoon-affected households

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO FSM FOR TYPHOON MAYSAK TO DATE IN FY 2015²

USAID/OFDA	\$6,765,189
USAID/PHILIPPINES	\$4,500,000
USDA/FNS ³	\$1,764,000

\$13,029,189

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM FOR TYPHOON MAYSAK

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- USAID/OFDA continues to coordinate with the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (GoFSM), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support disaster response and recovery activities in FSM following Typhoon Maysak, which passed through FSM’s Chuuk and Yap states between March 29 and April 1, 2015.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has programmed nearly \$6.8 million in humanitarian assistance—including agricultural assistance, logistics support and relief commodities, shelter coordination, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions—in response to the effects of Typhoon Maysak.
- With USAID/OFDA support, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is helping typhoon-affected households resume agricultural production by providing planting supplies and supporting the establishment and rehabilitation of nurseries managed by the GoFSM.
- Additionally, USAID/Philippines has provided \$4.5 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)—USAID’s primary implementing partner in FSM—to facilitate reconstruction efforts, including rebuilding housing, infrastructure, and utilities.

¹ USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² Under the Compact of Free Association between the USG and the GoFSM, FEMA provides funds to USAID/OFDA—as authorized by the Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD)—to implement humanitarian response and reconstruction programs in coordination with FEMA and the GoFSM. This funding figure does not include all costs associated with USAID/OFDA pre-positioned relief commodities distributed in response to Typhoon Maysak.

³ U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/FNS)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

- The GoFSM National Emergency Operations Center continues to host twice-weekly humanitarian coordination meetings with FAO, IOM, and the Micronesia Red Cross Society.
- Between June 8 and 12, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, with support from the E.U., hosted the second FSM Disaster Risk Management Platform in Yap. During the meeting, GoFSM officials and humanitarian actors reviewed the disaster response to Typhoon Maysak and discussed how to improve future humanitarian coordination.
- With a recent \$100,000 contribution to IOM, the Government of New Zealand has supported improvements to rainwater harvesting infrastructure in typhoon-affected areas of FSM, enabling water distribution points in Chuuk to collect and use rainwater.
- On June 23, the Government of the Philippines provided \$50,000 to the GoFSM to assist with ongoing Typhoon Maysak recovery efforts in Chuuk and Yap.

USG RESPONSE

- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided approximately \$5.9 million to IOM to support Typhoon Maysak relief and recovery efforts. As of August 8, IOM had distributed approximately 687 metric tons (MT) of USAID/OFDA-funded food assistance, including cooking oil, fruits and vegetables, and rice, and more than 42,000 bars of soap to affected households in Chuuk and Yap.
- With approximately \$620,000 in USAID/OFDA funding, and in coordination with the GoFSM Department of Resource and Development, FAO had distributed locally-sourced planting material to more than 2,600 typhoon-affected households in Chuuk, including on vulnerable lagoon islands, and 235 households in Yap's outer islands, as of August 25.
- Starting July 31, USDA/FNS began delivering shipments of USDA-procured food commodities to FSM, coordinating with IOM to distribute the food to severely typhoon-affected households in Chuuk and Yap. To date, USDA/FNS has shipped approximately 1,405 MT of food—valued at more than \$1.7 million—to FSM, meeting the emergency food needs of nearly 30,000 people per month.

CONTEXT

- Between March 29 and April 1, Typhoon Maysak traversed Chuuk and Yap, bringing destructive winds to several islands and reaching Yap's Ulithi Atoll and Fais Island as a super typhoon with sustained winds exceeding 160 miles per hour.
- On March 30, Chuuk Governor Johnson Elimo declared a state of emergency, while Yap Governor Tony Ganngiyan announced a state of emergency on April 1. FSM President Emanuel Mori subsequently issued a presidential emergency declaration for both locations.
- Immediately following the typhoon's passage, USAID/OFDA deployed staff to FSM to assess humanitarian conditions and help coordinate the USG response in collaboration with FEMA and other USG partners, GoFSM officials, and relief actors on the ground. On April 2, U.S. Ambassador Dorothea-Maria Rosen declared a disaster due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak.
- On April 28, U.S. President Barack Obama issued a PDD for FSM under the Compact of Free Association between the USG and the GoFSM due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak. The PDD authorized the release of funding for emergency relief and reconstruction assistance from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Association, and other USG agencies to support recovery efforts in FSM.
- In November 2008, USAID assumed responsibility for disaster response and reconstruction in FSM from FEMA. USAID maintains FEMA's previous commitment to provide supplemental disaster assistance to GoFSM in the aftermath of significant disasters. USAID/OFDA collaborates closely with FEMA, as well as with USAID's Asia Bureau and USAID/Philippines, to implement disaster risk reduction and disaster response programs in FSM.

USAID AND USDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM PROVIDED IN FY 2015

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$622,239
IOM	Agriculture and Food Security, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Affected Areas	\$5,905,777
	Transportation and Replenishment of USAID/OFDA Relief Items	Affected Areas	\$215,711
	Program Support Costs		\$21,462
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$6,765,189
USAID/PHILIPPINES			
IOM	Reconstruction Activities	Affected Areas	\$4,500,000
TOTAL USAID/PHILIPPINES ASSISTANCE			\$4,500,000
USDA/FNS			
	In-Kind Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$1,764,000
TOTAL USDA/FNS ASSISTANCE			\$1,764,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM TO DATE IN FY 2015			\$13,029,189

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² USAID/OFDA funding represents actual or obligated amounts as of September 2, 2015. This funding figure does not include the total cost of USAID/OFDA pre-positioned relief commodities utilized in the Typhoon Maysak response.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

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