

MICRONESIA – TYPHOON MAYSAK

FACT SHEET #4, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015

MAY 8, 2015

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

29,705

Total Number of People Affected by Typhoon Maysak in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Government of FSM (GoFSM) and U.S. Government (USG) Preliminary Disaster Assessment (PDA) Team – April 13, 2015

28,605

Typhoon-Affected People in Chuuk State
GoFSM and USG PDA Team – April 13, 2015

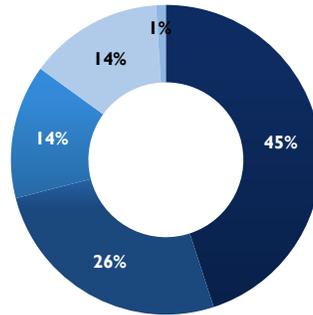
1,100

Typhoon-Affected People in Yap State
GoFSM and USG PDA Team – April 13, 2015

4

Confirmed Typhoon-Related Fatalities
GoFSM Department of Health and Social Affairs – April 7, 2015

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2015



- Agriculture and Food Security (45%)
- Logistics Support and Relief Commodities (26%)
- Shelter and Settlements (14%)
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (14%)
- PDA Support Costs (1%)

HIGHLIGHTS

- U.S. President Barack H. Obama issues a Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD) for FSM due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak.
- USAID/OFDA provides more than \$620,000 to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to restore agricultural production in affected areas.

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO FSM FOR TYPHOON MAYSAK TO DATE IN FY 2015

USAID/OFDA **\$2,959,412²**

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TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM FOR TYPHOON MAYSAK

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On April 28, President Obama issued a PDD for FSM under the Compact of Free Association (COFA) between the USG and the GoFSM due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak. The PDD authorizes the release of funding for emergency relief and reconstruction assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other USG agencies to support recovery efforts in FSM. USG staff and the GoFSM continue to collaborate on emergency response plans to address the needs of populations affected by Typhoon Maysak.
- As a result of the PDD, SBA is offering loans to agricultural cooperatives, businesses of all sizes, and non-profit organizations in FSM affected by Typhoon Maysak. SBA assistance includes loans to repair damaged property—including equipment, inventories, and real estate—as well as working capital to enable businesses to meet financial obligations during the recovery phase. SBA is also providing disaster loans to qualified individuals who require further assistance with damaged property.³
- USAID/OFDA recently provided FAO more than \$620,000 to assist approximately 4,900 households in Chuuk and Yap states affected by widespread destruction of crops, fruit trees, and plants. FAO will provide supplies, including seeds, planting materials, and tools, to help typhoon-affected households resume agricultural production and support the establishment and rehabilitation of GoFSM-managed nurseries.

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

² Under the COFA between the USG and the GoFSM, FEMA provides funds to USAID/OFDA—as authorized by the 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 Individuals who receive SBA disaster loans will not qualify for USAID housing assistance.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

- The GoFSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management continues to lead the Typhoon Maysak response in coordination with local authorities and humanitarian partners. As of May 1, the GoFSM had allocated at least \$1.5 million toward emergency relief efforts, which include food and water distributions to affected populations. The GoFSM also reports receiving approximately \$580,000 in foreign donations in addition to USG support.
- The Government of Japan (GoJ) donated water treatment and transportation supplies to the GoFSM through the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has delivered 20 GoJ-funded water treatment units to islands in Ulithi Atoll and plans to distribute 35 additional water treatment units to health facilities serving typhoon-affected populations in Chuuk State.
- With nearly \$80,000 in support from the Government of Australia (GoA), IOM has provided hygiene and shelter supplies and logistics support to storm-affected populations in Chuuk and Yap states. In addition, two patrol boats—previously provided to the GoFSM through the GoA’s Pacific Patrol Boat Program—continue to transport emergency supplies and support relief operations.

USG RESPONSE

- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided \$2.1 million to IOM—USAID’s primary implementing partner in FSM—to support Typhoon Maysak relief and recovery efforts.
- Between April 22 and May 1, IOM delivered USAID/OFDA-provided plastic sheeting and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) commodities to storm-affected populations in Chuuk and Yap states, meeting the emergency shelter and WASH needs of more than 200 households.
- IOM has established 17 water distribution points across Chuuk to address critical water needs. Together with the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation, IOM plans to distribute an additional 2,000 gallons of water per day to storm-affected communities throughout the Chuuk Lagoon islands. IOM has provided USAID- and JICA-supported water containers to 3,000 families to facilitate water transport and storage. Through funding from USAID/OFDA, IOM has also provided more than 530 families in the Chuuk Lagoon islands with hygiene kits.
- In Yap State, IOM had delivered more than 44,000 pounds of locally procured food to storm-affected communities in Ulithi Atoll as of May 1. With support from the GoFSM, IOM plans to deliver five reverse osmosis water treatment units—capable of producing a combined 1,800 gallons of potable water per day—to storm-affected communities in Yap, along with additional food, in the coming days. IOM is also supporting efforts to maintain environmental hygiene by providing waste-collection equipment to storm-affected populations.

CONTEXT

- Between March 29 and April 1, Typhoon Maysak traversed FSM’s Chuuk and Yap states, 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 to FSM Dorothea-Maria Rosen declared a disaster due to the effects of Super Typhoon Maysak.
- 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 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM PROVIDED IN FY 2015¹

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	\$2,100,000
	Transportation of USAID/OFDA Relief Items from Dubai to FSM	Affected Areas	\$215,711
	PDA Support Costs		\$21,462
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$2,959,412
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM IN FY 2015			\$2,959,412

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 May 8, 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:
 - The 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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