Key Developments

- On April 17, FSM President Emanuel Mori submitted a request for a U.S. Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD), noting the need for additional USG assistance to bolster the GoFSM’s ability to respond effectively to the humanitarian effects of Typhoon Maysak. The PDD request follows the recent completion of a PDA, which found substantial storm damage across FSM’s Chuuk and Yap states and identified critical needs for food and agricultural assistance, shelter support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) supplies. [Note: Through its Compact of Free Association with the United States, the GoFSM is eligible to appeal for a PDD, for which the PDA is a prerequisite. If granted, a PDD would make available emergency relief and reconstruction funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration, and other USG agencies.]

- To address priority humanitarian needs, USAID/OFDA is providing an additional $2 million in humanitarian assistance, as well as emergency relief supplies from its warehouse in Dubai, to address the needs of typhoon-affected populations.

- USAID/OFDA has also deployed water treatment supplies, water containers, and plastic sheeting from stocks pre-positioned at its warehouse in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The relief items—valued at approximately $55,000—arrived in Chuuk and Yap on April 22 for onward distribution to households in need.

- In the typhoon’s immediate aftermath, USAID/OFDA contributed an initial $100,000 to IOM to distribute emergency relief items and offer basic WASH assistance to FSM’s storm-affected households. USAID/OFDA also authorized IOM to utilize supplies procured with USAID/OFDA funding and held in IOM-managed warehouses in both FSM and neighboring Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) for response efforts.

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

- On April 17, personnel from USAID/OFDA, FEMA, and the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia met with FSM President Mori to discuss findings of the PDA that concluded on April 12.
- According to the PDA, Typhoon Maysak destroyed at least 90 percent of crops and fruit trees, including staple foods such as breadfruit and taro, in affected areas across both Chuuk and Yap. As a result, approximately 29,000 people in FSM require temporary food assistance until short-cycle crops are replanted and reach productivity. Communities also need assistance with agricultural inputs—seeds, cuttings, and limited hand tools—to facilitate quick replanting.
- In addition, Typhoon Maysak completely destroyed at least 281 homes and damaged at least 300 more; resulted in nearly $8.5 million in damages to public infrastructure; and caused widespread damage to rain water catchment systems and water tanks, which households use to collect and store fresh water.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

- On April 14, the GoFSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management—which is leading and coordinating national and international typhoon response efforts in FSM—reported that GoFSM patrol boat FSS Independence had reached northwestern areas of Chuuk Lagoon and the Upper Mortlock islands with food assistance. The ship delivered 390 fifty-pound bags of rice, 200 cases of ramen, and 1,135 cases of potable water.
- The Government of the People’s Republic of China announced on April 21 the contribution of a $500,000 cash grant to support GoFSM’s Typhoon Maysak response efforts.

USG RESPONSE

- In Chuuk, USAID partner IOM has established water distribution points to help address critical water needs in more than 10 affected communities and is supporting the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation to pump potable water from ground wells on Chuuk’s main Weno Island through the provision of two portable generators. IOM has also provided the Chuuk State Department of Health Services and Department of Public Safety with approximately 10,000 water treatment tablets and supplemental oral rehydration salts.
- In addition, IOM has been working to ensure that aid reaches storm-affected communities in the Faichuuk and other Chuuk Lagoon islands. As of April 20, IOM had delivered more than 11,000 pounds of locally procured food commodities and provided hygiene kits and tarpaulins to more than 300 families in these areas.
- In Yap, a large-capacity, USAID/OFDA-funded water treatment unit has arrived on Ulithi’s most populous island, Falalop. With support from IOM and the Yap State Public Service Corporation, the unit—capable of producing 6,000 gallons of water per day—became operational on April 17 and is supplying safe drinking water to storm-affected populations.
- IOM is also moving USAID/OFDA-purchased reverse osmosis machines from Majuro, RMI, to Yap and Chuuk, to serve as potential response options to potable water needs in the outer islands. Specialists from the Majuro Water and Sewer Company are accompanying the machines to assist with installation, maintenance, and operation instruction.
- Beyond the Typhoon Maysak response, the USG continues to support the development of local and community-level disaster relief and preparedness capability in FSM. For example, USAID/OFDA has previously provided support to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to strengthen the capacity of the Micronesia Red Cross Society. Also, USAID/OFDA recently contributed $350,000 to IOM to build the resilience of vulnerable communities in the FSM and the RMI to natural hazards. The program aims to reach at least 500 students and 5,000 community members with information on disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation, as well as support local and national government efforts to implement climate adaptation and disaster risk management activities.
USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO FSM PROVIDED IN FY 2015

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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 April 22, 2015. This funding figure does not include the 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:
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.