

SITUATION REPORT: TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU

Chuuk State – April 15, 2026

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Highlights

A dire and deteriorating situation continues to unfold across Chuuk State as Typhoon Sinlaku stalls just offshore, with a prolonged and aggressive assault on the region. The Tropical Storm Warning remains firmly in effect for Fananu or Paffong Islands. Typhoon Warning still remains in effect for Onoun (Ulul) with conditions expected to remain life-threatening throughout the day.

As of 10:29 PM Sunday, the storm's center was located at 11.1° North, 150.2° East, a position that still keeps the island trapped in a conveyor belt of destructive weather. While the system's forward motion has moving moved to north-northeast at 5 mph - its ferocity has not diminished. Maximum sustained winds are at 150mph, with higher gusts. The storm's proximity positioned at 9 miles North-Northwest of the Chuuk Lagoon Islands, it is effectively parked over the area, prolonging the relentless wind and inundating storm surge. As of now, Typhoon Warning remains in effect for Fananu, Tropical Storm Warning remain in effect for Chuuk Lagoon and Onoun (Ulul).

On the Ground:

The islands of Chuuk State are undergoing what officials are describing as severe and catastrophic damage. The situation on Weno, Tamatam, Piherarh, Onoun, Uman, Parem and Fanapanges has deteriorated into a full-blown emergency gridlock:

- **Critical Infrastructure Collapse:** Houses from Tamatam, Piherarh, Onoun, Uman, Parem, Fanapanges, and other islands as what been seen on social medias were blown off, flooded by seawater, and bring debris into the houses.
- **Communications Blackout:** Radio and Telephone communication to the lagoon and outer islands still in completely severed, leaving a void regarding the fate of those in the most remote and exposed communities.
- **Shatter Normalcy:** All schools and government work have been suspended indefinitely until futher notice. The majority of roads across Weno and other islands reported (Uman, Parem, Fanapanges, Piherarh, and Onoun are impassable, blocked by floodwaters, storm surge debris, and downed trees, severely hampering emergency response and rescue efforts.
- **Critical Infrastructure Collapse:** The island is enveloped in a near-total blackout, with power generation suffering a catastrophic 60-70% primary site outage. The hospital is operating on backup emergency power only, raising grave concerns about the ability to sustain life-saving care if fuel supplies or generators fail under the strain.
- **Ms. Chief Mailo – Chuuk State Vessel** - lying on its side with approximate of 4,000 gals of fuel is a serious incident both for safety and environmental risk.

Amid the destruction, at least three emergency shelters have been opened, already struggling to accommodate over 100 displaced residents seeking refuge from the typhoon and rising waters. With communications severed and the storm still stalled, authorities fear these initial damage and casualty reports - gathered only from sporadic social media feeds via Facebook - represent a portion of a far more catastrophic picture yet to emerge once the storm finally relents.

**Population
Affected:34,000**

**Approximate to 100 were
in Shelter DISPLACE**

**Key Needs:
Food, Water,
Fuel (updated)**

**Water, Food, Canned
goods,**

Situation Overview

General Current Conditions (Updated Damage Report)

- Although the storm has passed, reports of the damage situation on the ground have increased.
- Casualties From Direct Impact of the Storm: 4 confirmed deaths relating to the storm have been reported. Department of Public Health is further waiting for the outer islands to report in as communication equipment have been damaged due to the storm. Expected increase of diseases and sickness from the aftermath of the storm.
- Roads Are Still Impassable: Although most of Weno's main road are being cleared for at least vehicles to past, further and side roads are still block from debris. On the other islands, lack of equipment needed to help clear the road and is not available to them.
- Ocean Damage: reports of the main dock have made half of the dock facing west nonfunctioning as signs of sand and fill land used to make the dock have washed up to land. Reports also stated that signs of sand and underwater debris might have made the dock shallower and thus, might not meet the required 9 meters depth for cargo and tanker ships to dock. Assessment of divers has been ordered to confirm.
- Local Business' Supplies: Local fuel distributor reported sea water infiltration to bulk plant and storage tanks. The storm also damaged their electric panel and lines that have made their pumps inoperable. These causes concerns of fuel shortages and with the current stock of fuel for local utilities to only provide power for 7 days. Further report of food and water supply will not be enough for initial food assistance if the cargo ship, currently awaiting clearance, does not dock. Also, businesses report electrical problems that have affected their cold storage equipment for frozen goods.
- Power and Phones remain cut-off: Reports by local utilities have reported that 75 percent of power distribution on Weno are damaged and 100 percent on Tonoas are damaged. 21 solar panels on the Island of Udot are damaged due to debris and the entire solar grid of Eot have blown away leaving just the thrushes left behind. Phone lines are still down as 911 is also inoperable affecting emergency responses.
- MS Chief Mailo sank together with Ballina. Fuel and oil of the vessels are leaking up to the surface of the water causing damages to near shore areas.
- Visual Confirmation: The scene in Piherarh is especially grim, with videos on Facebook Live showing a landscape of flattened trees and houses with their roofs peeled back like tin cans.
- Civil unrest: There is an increased reports of community stress over acute shortage of essential supplies.

Bottom Line: The islands of Weno, Fananu, Piherarh, Tamatam, Onoun, Fanapanges, Parem and Uman communicated serious damage to home, properties, and food crops at this point. People are displaced, primary and secondary roads are blocked by fallen trees and seawater, and the places

people normally rely on for help - like government offices and the pier - are now damaged or destroyed themselves. The other lagoon Islands reported that, people in shelters need assistance.

Gaps, Needs, and Response:

Coordination:

- Issued out Public Announcements thru via social media Facebook
- Issued out SITREP 3
- CPUC-worked on the power to return the light to the main emergency place (Hospital, V6 AK Radio and Disaster Office) and provide water. Order for water tanks available at Education to work with CPUC to provide water filling stations at Neauo Elementary, CFTI Dock, Sapuk Elementary and Efrada Church in Mechitiw.
- CPUC- Power restored to some parts of Feeder 3 and 4.
- IOM, RedCross & CRS have made commitments on cherry-cans (2000 of 20 liters & 3000 of 10 liters from IOM) and cleaning, hygiene & essential kits from all. Other commitments need official request in writing.
- Initial Damage Assessment Report is needed asap to meet the 15 days after President's Declaration requirement. Planning have been assign to assess government infrastructure.
- Patrol Boat is scheduled to arrive 7pm 4/15/26 to assist and assessment team stands ready. 5 Islands are scheduled for initial assessment in the Northwest. 10ftX10ft is the storage capacity onboard patrol boat.

Gaps

- Timely, reliable information on water situation on water situation for consumers.

Needs:

- - need more food for the people shelters in the schools, and churches.
- Parem- shortage of water.
- Uman & Fefen- shortage of food and water, especially people who have been sheltered.
- Piherarh Community in Weno need immediate shelters while they build back their houses.
- Communities need equipment's to clean their places.
- Chuuk State - doesn't have enough food and water in the stores.

Affected Areas

- Mortlock Islands (Nema, Losap, Piisemwar, Namoluk, Ettal, Kuttu, Moch, Satowan, TA, Lekinioch, and Oneop)
- Chuuk Lagoon (Weno, Piispaneue, Fonoton, Tonoas, Fefen, Uman, Parem, Siis, Udot, Eot, Romonum, Fanapanges, Tol, Onei, Paata, and Polle)
- Northwest Islands (Houk, Pollap, Pollowat, Tamatam, Murilo, Ruu, Nomwin, Fananu, Makkur, Ono, Onou, Piherarh, and Onoun).

Recommendation

- EOC Command Post- request drinking water and food to be purchased in Pohnpei as Chuuk State has shortage of food and water (3,000 cases of water and 1,000 sacks of Rice).
- EPA- need to place boom around Ms.Chief Mailo and Ballina for safety
- Dept. of Transportation and Public Works- issue statement on status of the sea port ASAP.
- Dept. of Transportation and Public Works-Narik Mataw needs to be removed from the dock ASAP.

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