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THE SALVATION ARMY READIES DISASTER RELIEF AS SUPER TYPHOON BAVI BATTERS COMMUNITIES IN GUAM AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BARRIGADA, Guam (July 7, 2026) — The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division is mobilizing its Emergency Disaster Services after Super Typhoon Bavi passed directly over the island of Rota early Monday morning, July 6 (Chamorro Standard Time), as a catastrophic Category 5-equivalent storm with sustained winds reaching 180 mph. The storm has since pulled away from the Marianas, but intense winds and flooding continue across Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

The Salvation Army's Pacific Region corps in Guam and Saipan are preparing to deploy meal services to shelters and strategic community locations in coordination with the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Widespread damage has been reported across the islands, including downed communications infrastructure, flooding, and power outages expected to last weeks or longer in the hardest-hit areas.

Bavi's impact comes less than three months after Super Typhoon Sinlaku struck the same islands in April as the world's strongest storm of 2026 at that time — and many communities were still without power and rebuilding when Bavi arrived.

"The very communities in the path of Super Typhoon Bavi are still recovering from the aftermath of Sinlaku, where we have been working closely with local partners to provide resources and healing," said Major Troy Trimmer, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division. "As we respond to this second crisis in the span of a few months, we remain steadfast in our commitment to meet emerging needs and uplift our neighbors that have already endured so much."

Last week in preparation for this disaster response, The Salvation Army on Guam and Saipan purchased additional water, non-perishable food, and supplies that will be distributed for the community through coordinated relief efforts in the coming weeks. The Salvation Army's food distribution on Saipan, with additional support for Tinian and Rota, will be run out of its Saipan Corps. Visit the [CNMI Salvation Army Facebook](#) page for local updates.

To date through its Sinlaku disaster relief efforts, The Salvation Army has served 13,965 meals, deployed 4,344 home-delivered boxes of staples, and provided emotional and spiritual care to nearly 600 impacted individuals.

A donation link to directly support evolving relief needs in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Bavi has been activated here: <https://fundraise.salvationarmyhawaii.org/bavi>.

****MEDIA NOTE:** [Please see HERE for photos](#), courtesy of The Salvation Army. Link includes the following captioned images:

- Cadets with The Salvation Army, Jonathan and Rachel Utrera, pictured on Guam prepping supplies for Typhoon Bavi relief.
- A home, and the personal residence of a member of The Salvation Army's Saipan Corps., is pictured following the destruction of Typhoon Sinlaku.

About The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands including Guam, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; family stores, food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawai'i's largest community center; preschools & day care services; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; and work therapy & rehabilitation services. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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