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THE SALVATION ARMY READIES DISASTER RELIEF AS SUPER TYPHOON SINLAKU DEVASTATES GUAM, THE CNMI, AND FSM

BARRIGADA, Guam —The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Island Division has readied Emergency Disaster Services teams and reinforcements for its Pacific Region corps and their communities as Super Typhoon Sinlaku has swept through the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Humanitarian needs for both immediate relief and long-term recovery support are rapidly expanding while the system's slow movement further amplifies the devastation. The strongest tropical cyclone of 2026 passed directly over Saipan and Tinian on April 14, leaving severe flooding, damage from 150 mph winds, and widespread power outages across Guam, CNMI, and Chuuk in its wake.

"These are our neighbors, our communities, our home," said Major Troy Trimmer, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division. "We will be here, working hand in hand with local partners and community leaders through the crisis and the road to recovery and healing."

Earlier this week, The Salvation Army divisional officers and staff met with members of The American Red Cross Incident Management Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the storm worsened to ensure communication continuity and readiness. While hazardous conditions and power outages are also impacting The Salvation Army's corps in Micronesia, onsite officers as well as external supporting disaster relief teams will be instrumental in leading the nonprofit's response.

"As this slow-moving storm continues to bring dangerous conditions across the region, safety is paramount," said Major Eric Tumale, Guam Corps Officer and Micronesia Coordinator for The Salvation Army. "We've prepared to deploy direct relief resources and vital support for local shelters so that no one facing hunger and hardship from Typhoon Sinlaku is forgotten."

Among the most anticipated immediate needs for impacted island communities will be access to fresh water, food staples, hygiene products, and fuel. The Salvation Army will remain nimble to address this evolving situation and the widespread reach of the storm



system with compassion and action. Give directly to [Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief efforts](#) and learn more about The Salvation Army's ongoing disaster response across the Pacific Region at hawaii.salvationarmy.org

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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