**Event: Typhoon Sinlaku**

Date of Report: October 27, 2023

Next scheduled report: October 28, 2023

**Situation Report No. 1**

**Weather Tracking Update**

Typhoon Sinlaku is locate 72 west of Kosrae and is moving further west so the Governor has issued an All Clear for Kosrae State.

**Situation Overview**

TY Sinlaku has affected all 4 municipalites of Kosrae with a population of 6768 people and 377 households. Of the affected population, there are 35 sick/ill, 90 injured, 10 missing and 11 fatalities. A total of 653 households/main dwelling houses were affected, 267 with minor damage, 216 with major damage, and 168 destroyed. Displaced populations reported to date include 70 living with relatives, 14 in church buildings, 380 at schools and public shelters, and 50 relocated to nearby villages.

Water supply of catchments, ground well and stream water are all affected with not enough supply in Malem and not suitable for drinking in all villages. Agricultural damage include major damage to banana, breadfruit and coconuts and total damage to cassava, taro and yam. For livestock, half damage in Malem and Tafunsak, and all damage in Lelu. Overall food supply is sufficient for 1 week or less in Malem, 3 weeks in Tafunsak and Utwe, and Lelu yet to be determined and reported.

Infrastructure damage left 1 school, 1 church, and 1 community hall functional; 1 school and 1 church with impaired function; 5 schools, 2 churches, 21 community halls, and 1 government building with major damage; 2 schools, 5 churches, 10 community halls and 1 government building totally destroyed; and impaired to major damage to electric and fuel supply.

Major security issues are reported from parts of the island but overall coping is moderate.

**State Response**

DHS and MRCS medical teams have been deployed in response to the sick and injured since the All Clear, while Police and Fisheries Division of DREA are responding to the 10 missing persons. The Department of Health is working with families to determine best options for the 11 fatalities because the State morgue can only hold 2 bodies.

DHS and KIRMA have deployed assets in response to water issues while DTI, KUA and FSMTC are responding to the impairments to electric and fuel supplies. MRCS are distributing non-food items to support ongoing response. KPA and relevant partners will work to re-open air and sea ports as soon as practicable.

**Next Steps**

The GDC will convene to determine way forward based on the Action Plan being developed by the SDCT. DHS will activate a secondary hospital at the State Quarantine Facility in case of overcrowding of the State hospital, and MRCS will assist the Mental Health Program in psychological first aid support.

The DCO will maintain communications with DECEM and other partners with daily updates of the situation.

The SDCT will work with the Mayors and the shelters to determine options for the displaced population, especially those with totally destroyed households.

DOE and Mayors will work to re-open schools as soon as possible.

**Suggestions**

The SDCT hereby recommends that the Governor issues a State of Disaster to allow earliest assistance from National and International partners.

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