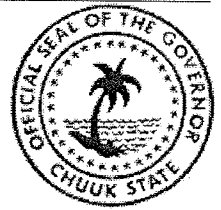


SITUATION REPORT: TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU

Chuuk State – April 9-10 2026

SITREP from Chuuk Disaster and Emergency Operation Center (GDEOC) compiling reports from April 10-11th 2026 at 11:07am



Highlights

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

As of 10:59 AM Saturday, the storm's center was located at 8.5° North, 151.5° East, a position that keeps the islands trapped in a conveyor belt of destructive weather. While the system's forward motion has nearly halted - crawling eastward at a mere 1 mph - its ferocity has not diminished. Maximum sustained winds are at 70 mph, with higher gusts capable of snapping infrastructure and turning debris lethal. The storm's proximity is alarmingly close: positioned just 75 miles North-Northwest of the Chuuk Lagoon Islands, it is effectively parked over the area, prolonging the relentless wind and inundating storm surge.

On the Ground:

The islands of Chuuk State is undergoing what officials are describing as severe and catastrophic damage. The situation on Weno, the primary population center, has deteriorated into a full-blown emergency gridlock:

- **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.
- **Communications Blackout:** Radio and telephone communications to the Lagoon and Outer Islands have been completely severed, leaving a void regarding the fate of those in the most remote and exposed communities.
- **Shattered Normalcy:** All schools and government work have been suspended indefinitely until further notice. The majority of roads across Weno are impassable, blocked by floodwaters, storm surge debris, and downed trees, severely hampering emergency response and rescue efforts. As the storm rages on, the first tragic confirmations of loss of life have emerged, underscoring the lethal nature of this slow-moving disaster:
- **Maritime Disaster:** Two boats capsized off the coast of Fefen due to the violent sea state. One individual is confirmed missing at sea, with search efforts dangerously constrained by the ongoing storm conditions.
- **Fatal Incident:** A falling tree claimed the life of one person on the island of Tonoas, a grim testament to the dangers persisting even away from the shoreline.

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:

Approximate to 100 were
in Shelter DISPLACE

Key Needs:

Water and Food.

Situation Overview

Current Conditions on Weno (Updated Damage Report)

- The situation on the ground has gone from bad to devastating overnight. As the storm continues to sit over the area, the damage is piling up fast.
- Homes Are Coming Apart: People began fleeing to shelters last night as the winds turned violent. Many houses have completely lost their roofs or collapsed entirely. Families are now trying to find safety in public shelters because their own homes are no longer standing.
- Roads Are Impassable: Getting around is impossible right now. Huge numbers of trees - including big breadfruit and banana trees - have been ripped out of the ground and are lying across every roadway. Emergency crews can't even get through to clear the mess yet.
- The Ocean Is Coming Inland: This isn't just rain flooding. The storm surge has gotten much worse, pushing seawater and all kinds of floating junk and wreckage up onto the land. The main road near Nepukos (right in front of YAHMA) has been cut off completely by the ocean washing over it.
- Power and Phones remain cut-off: The island-wide power shutoff from last night continues with no end in sight. In the village of Wichap, four major power lines and all the cellphone towers are down, meaning that area is completely cut off from both electricity and communication.
- Government Buildings Flooded and Damaged: Even the sturdiest buildings are taking a beating. The Governor's Office, the main Administration Building, and the Department of Public Safety jail are all reported to have significant damage and flooding. The hospital remains operational but is also dealing with storm damage.
- Schools Hit Hard: The schools in Mwan, Neauo, and Wichap have all sustained damage, which means even after the storm passes, getting kids back in class will be a long process.
- 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.

Bottom Line: Weno is in a state of crisis. People are displaced, 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.

Gaps, Needs, and Response:

Coordination:

- Issued out Public Announcements
- Issued out SITREP 1
- Activate Command Post

Needs:

- CPUC- request linemen from Pohnpei to deploy to Chuuk. (Refer to CPUC CEO Reports)
- Task force
- Mobilization of patrol boat to bring assistance needs
- Food (Responders, Displace People)

- Logistic
- Governor's Decree up to \$200,00.00

Dept. of Public Safety

- Radios VHF, Handheld Radios (20pcs)
- Flashlights
- Portable Generator
- Food and Water (Responders)
- Fuel
- Equipment and tool (10 Chain saw, 10 machetes)
- Rain gear, boots

Dept. of Marine Resources

- Radios VHF, Handheld Radios (20pcs)
- Flashlights
- Portable Generator
- Food and Water (Responders)
- Fuel
- Equipment and tool (10 Chain saw, 10 machetes)

Dept. of Public Works & Transportation

- 5 drums of diesel

Shelter & Protection

- Residential on Weno were at Governor's Office, Chuuk High School, and Public Affairs.
- Fanapanges, Uman, Eot, Paata Sepeta, Fefen, open schools, churches for communities (Facebook)
- Families in Neauo shelter at Neauo CCHC.
- Families in Wichap shelter at Kalili Church.

Affected Areas

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

Recommendation

- The Chuuk State Disaster and Emergency Task Force for Tropical Storm Sinlaku recommended Declaration of State of Emergency for Chuuk State.

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