

SITUATION REPORT: TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU

Chuuk State – April 12, 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,**

**Water, Food, Canned
goods,**

Situation Overview

Current Conditions on Weno, Fananu, Piherarh, Tamatam, Onoun, Fanapanges, and Uman (Updated Damage Report)

- The situation on the ground indeed has gone from bas to devastating overnight. As the storms continues to sit over area, the damage is piling up fast.
- Homes Are Coming Apart: Houses on Weno, roofs were blown off, big trees, were fallen over the residents, and flooded by sea water intrusion. Families are still in the shelter.
- Roads Are Impassable: Roads are still block from the fallen trees. Huge numbers of trees including breadfruit and banana trees have ripped out of the ground and are lying across every roadway.
- 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.
- Power and Phones remain cut-off: The island-wide power still shutoff. In the villages of Wichap, Epinup, Neauo, Mwan, Sapuk, Penia, Peniesene, Tunuk, and Mechitiw, the power lines and all the phones' lines toward are down, meaning the area is completely cut off from both electricity and communication.
- Government Buildings Flooded and Damage: The Governor's Office, Main Administration Building, Education Buildings, Department of Public Safety jail are all reported to have significant damage and flooding.
- 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.
- Civil unrest: There has been reports of community stress over acute shortage of essential supplies.
- Ms.Chief Mailo and Ballina are leaning to their side - a serious incident for safety and environmental risk.
- 1 boat from Dept. of Marine Resources, 1 from Health Services, and 1 from IOM have been damage.

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

Gaps, Needs, and Response:

Coordination:

- Issued out Public Announcements thru via social media Facebook
- Issued out SITREP 2
- CPUC-worked on the power to return the light to the main emergency place (Hospital, V6 AK Radio and Disaster Office) and provide water (1,000gal each to Chuuk High School Shelter and Hospital.)
- CPUC- Power restored to some parts of Feeder 3 and 4.
- IOM- Provide 2 generators for V6 AK and Dept. of Public Safety.
- Private Sectors donations to shelters (Ace Hardware donate 30 cases of water and 1 drin of Diesel to L5 as it used the VIP Room as EOC. Leiside Store donate canned goods, water, and Rice. Homar Mori donate Ramen bowl, Chuuk State Governor donate cases of Chicken and Rice, Jasmine Dawe donate 60 cases of water).

Gaps

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

Needs:

- Fanapanges- 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, Piispaneu, Fonoton, Tonoas, Fefen, Uman, Parem, Siis, Udot, Eot, Romonum, Fanapanges, Tol, Onei, Paata, and Polle)
- Northwest Islands (Houk, Pollap, Pollowat, Tamatam, Murilo, Ruo, 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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