

SITUATION REPORT: TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU

Chuuk State – April 16, 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 DISPLACED	Key Needs: Food, Water, Fuel (updated)	Water, Food, Canned goods,
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Situation Overview

General Current Conditions (Updated Damage Report)

- Although the storm has passed, reports of the damage situation on the ground have increased.
- Casualties From Direct Impact of the Storm: 4 confirmed deaths relating to the storm have been reported. Department of Public Health is further waiting for the outer islands to report in as communication equipment have been damaged due to the storm. Expected increase of diseases and sickness from the aftermath of the storm.
- Roads Are Still Impassable: Although most of Weno’s main road are being cleared for at least vehicles to past, further and side roads are still block from debris. On the other islands, lack of equipment needed to help clear the road and is not available to them.
- Ocean Damage: reports of the main dock have made half of the dock facing west nonfunctioning as signs of sand and fill land used to make the dock have washed up to land. Reports also stated that signs of sand and underwater debris might have made the dock shallower and thus, might not meet the required 9 meters depth for cargo and tanker ships to dock. Assessment of divers has been ordered to confirm.
- Local Business’ Supplies: Local fuel distributor reported sea water infiltration to bulk plant and storage tanks. The storm also damaged their electric panel and lines that have made their pumps inoperable. These causes concerns of fuel shortages and with the current stock of fuel for local utilities to only provide power for 7 days. Further report of food and water supply will not be enough for initial food assistance if the cargo ship, currently awaiting clearance, does not dock. Also, businesses report electrical problems that have affected their cold storage equipment for frozen goods.
- Power and Phones remain cut-off: Reports by local utilities have reported that 75 percent of power distribution on Weno are damaged and 100 percent on Tonoas are damaged. 21 solar panels on the Island of Udot are damaged due to debris and the entire solar grid of Eot have blown away leaving just the thrushes left behind. Phone lines are still down as 911 is also inoperable affecting emergency responses.
- MS Chief Mailo sank together with Ballina. Fuel and oil of the vessels are leaking up to the surface of the water causing damages to near shore areas.
- 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 is an increased reports of community stress over acute shortage of essential supplies.

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 assistance.

Gaps, Needs, and Response:

Coordination:

- Issued out Public Announcements
- Issued out SITREP 4
- CPUC- Power restored to some parts of Feeder 3 and 4 and from Mechitiw to Sapuk and from Mwan to Epinup.
- Command Post still active.
- Task Force to continue distribute relief items to displaced families that are sheltered in the School buildings and local Churches.
- Marine Corp coordination with Task Force for the arrival of medical staffs on April 27,2026

Gaps

- Timely, information on number of displacement of citizen that are impacted by the Typhoon,

Needs:

- Vital FSMPC to provide update to the task force regarding the impact of Typhoon Sinlaku on our operation in Chuuk.
- DEOC & Task Force need fuel for the assessment team to complete assessment of Southern Namoneas
- Department of public safety needs land line to be back on.
- Major gas station needs Vital to supply them as soon as possible.
- Marine Corp needs a comprehensive assessment report from the task force to enable them to prepare and submit a full report to higher headquarters.

Response

- Assessment team deployed to Northwest region with some relief items.
- Assessment team deployed to Southern Namoneas to conduct assessment.
- Planning Office and PMU continued assess the damage to the Dock B & C both are impacted by the Typhoon
- Department of Education used several school buildings as temporarily shelters for displaced residents.
- Attorney General has issued a directive requiring all businesses to comply with the established price control measures, ensuring that essential goods remain affordable during the recovery period.
- Department of Health services reports that no disease or epidemic have been detected following the typhoon.
- Honorable Governor Alexander R. Narruhn. Has proposed a budget of 3.4 million to Chuuk State legislature, this funding is intended to support disaster response efforts, including the procurement and distribution of relief items to affected communities.

Recommendation

- Governor, Narrhun recommended the task force and all cabinet members and staffs to meet at the Command Post at 3:00pm daily, starting today 04/16/2026 until the Governor call off the meeting
- DEOC and task force recommended the assessment team to update the task force on a daily basis.

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