

Voluntary Agency Liaison

# VAL Snapshot



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# Highlights

*The VAL Snapshot is intended to provide FEMA's non-governmental partners with situational awareness of current events to assist in determining if, where, and how they may deploy resources.*

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# Typhoon Sinlaku: Operational Momentum and Partnerships



During the last Operational Call for Typhoon Sinlaku, hosted by FEMA’s Voluntary Agency Liaisons and joined by more than 200 state, federal, and nongovernmental partners, two themes were highlighted: the response has fully shifted from planning to action, and partnerships remain the engine driving real progress.

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With the storm behind us and initial assessments underway, the focus is now operational: moving resources, filling gaps, and stabilizing lifelines across Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

As Frances Sablan, Chair of the CNMI VOAD, emphasized, “Our biggest needs right now are simple but urgent: funding, skilled hands, and materials. When partners help fill those gaps, communities can move from crisis toward stability.”

Partners on the ground are scaling up feeding operations, transitioning families from shelters to longer-term housing, and tackling emerging needs such as muck outs and mold remediation. The core message across every partner update was clear: collaboration is what makes this possible. Every partner brings something essential, and together we make recovery possible.

# Open for Public Comment

The FEMA Review Council released their [final report](#) last week. The report will be open for public comment until **June 8, 2026**. We value and appreciate our partners' insights to help shape the future of FEMA.

Members of the public may submit comments on the final report through the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Submit online at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) following the instructions provided.
- **Email:** Send comments to [FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov), including **Docket No. DHS-2025-0712** in the subject line.
- **Mail:** Send written comments to Michael Miron, Committee Management Officer, Office of Partnership and Engagement, Mailstop 0385, Department of Homeland Security, 270 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20032

The FEMA Review Council, appointed by President Trump, conducted a thorough review to ensure FEMA delivers swift, effective disaster response for Americans. The Council provided actionable recommendations to streamline federal response to national emergencies. The recommendations were deliberated for nearly a year and finalized in May 2026.

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## Final Report

### The President's Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency

May 7, 2026

FEMA SPOTLIGHT

# Whole Community Response and Recovery

## DR-4910-MP RESPONSE

After Super Typhoon Sinlaku disrupted critical communications across the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**, voluntary, territory, and federal partners came together to deliver life-sustaining communications equipment and technical assistance.

**Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC)** donated generators, communications trailers, radios, and technical support equipment to help restore emergency communications and support ongoing response operations. **CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management** worked closely with FEMA to coordinate the transport of these donated resources from Fort Worth, Texas to Saipan, CNMI.

The effort highlighted the power of strong partnerships during disasters, especially with organizations like **ITDRC** that bring specialized expertise and trusted community relationships. While the donated equipment is being utilized to support immediate response needs, the equipment will remain on the island to strengthen CNMI's long-term communications resilience and preparedness for future disasters.



# The Power of Partnerships



## Gregg Phillips

Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery

“Strong partnerships with voluntary organizations are what make our mission real on the ground. When FEMA and our partners move in lockstep, we’re not just restoring community lifelines—we’re helping families and communities move forward after a disaster.”



## Joe Hillis

Operations Director  
Information Technology Disaster  
Recovery Center (ITDRC)

“We don’t do this work alone. Our partnerships with federal, state, territorial and tribal agencies are key to getting connectivity, technical volunteers, and equipment into the hands of emergency managers, first responders, and impacted communities in the hours after a disaster. Most of those relationships are built before an event, not during the chaos of a response.”



## Keith Turi

Deputy Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery

“Faith-based and Voluntary organizations are at the heart of our whole-community approach, turning resources into real help for survivors before, during, and after disasters.”



## Andrew Grant

Federal Coordinating Officer  
FEMA-DR-4910-MP

“Our partnerships with faith-based and voluntary organizations, like ITDRC, are critical in helping survivors in the days and weeks after disaster. They are often embedded into the community or are the first to respond, providing their experience and expertise, and they remain on the ground helping survivors rebuild their lives and communities recover.”

# Declaration Requests in Process

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*This page details information for ongoing declarations that occurred due to natural and man-made disasters. This information is intended to enable our partners to better serve and assist survivors.*



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State/Tribe/Territory	Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ	Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	10/24/2025
SCA <sup>1</sup>	Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	11/26/2025
SCA <sup>1</sup>	Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	12/15/2025
NVK <sup>2</sup>	Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	1/11/2026
KY	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	2/05/2026
FPA & ST <sup>3</sup>	Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	2/11/2026
CMT <sup>4</sup>	Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	2/12/2026
FBIC <sup>5</sup>	Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	2/13/2026
GA	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	3/12/2026
CN <sup>6</sup>	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	3/18/2026
DE	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	3/23/2026
NY	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	3/25/2026
MI	Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	4/1/2026
HI	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	EM	X	X		4/7/2026
NJ	Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	4/7/2026
MA	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	4/7/2026
RI	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	4/7/2026
NVA <sup>7</sup>	Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	4/16/2026
ID	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	4/14/2026
MWT <sup>8</sup>	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	4/22/2026
PoA <sup>9</sup>	Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	4/23/2026
LLBO <sup>10</sup>	Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	4/24/2026
NE	Wildfires	DR		X	X	5/8/2026

<sup>1</sup>San Carlos Apache Tribe / <sup>2</sup>Native Village of Kipnuk / <sup>3</sup>Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / <sup>4</sup>Crow Tribe of Montana / <sup>5</sup>Fort Belknap Indian Community / <sup>6</sup>Chickasaw Nation / <sup>7</sup>Native Village of Ambler / <sup>8</sup>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe / <sup>9</sup>Pueblo of Acoma / <sup>10</sup>NLeech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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## DR-4910-MP

**INCIDENT TYPE:**

Typhoon Sinlaku

**DECLARED:**

04/23/2026

**LAST FILING:**

06/22/2026

**MAP LEGEND:**

- States
- Designated Counties
- IA
- PA
- IAPA
- No Designation
- IA Applicants (All) per 5KM
- ≤ 14
- ≤ 24
- ≤ 36
- ≤ 79



Top 3 County with FEMA Applicants		
Saipan	Tinian	Rota
<b>5,175</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>63</b>

FEMA Registrations
<b>Total</b>
<b>5.495</b>

Individual and Households Program (IHP) Breakdown			
<i>Referred Individuals</i>	IHP	Housing Assistance	Other Needs Assistance
	<b>5,092</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>4,921</b>
<i>Approved Amount</i>	IHP	Housing Assistance	Other Needs Assistance
	<b>\$2,337,368</b>	<b>\$348,018</b>	<b>\$2,029,350</b>

Applicant Reported Damages						
<i>Owners</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>3,307</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<i>Renters</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>5,005</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>

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## DR-4909-HI

**INCIDENT TYPE:**

Flood

**DECLARED:**

04/07/2026

**LAST FILING:**

06/14/2026

**MAP LEGEND:**

- States
- Designated Counties
- IA
- PA
- IAPA
- No Designation
- IA Applicants (All) per 5KM
- ≤ 14
- ≤ 24
- ≤ 36
- ≤ 79



Top 3 County with FEMA Applicants		
Honolulu	Maui	Hawaii
<b>895</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>163</b>

FEMA Registrations	
Total	<b>1,371</b>

Individual and Households Program (IHP) Breakdown			
<i>Referred Individuals</i>	IHP <b>1,301</b>	Housing Assistance <b>1,084</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>1,194</b>
<i>Approved Amount</i>	IHP <b>\$4,292,054</b>	Housing Assistance <b>\$2,052,760</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>\$2,239,295</b>

Applicant Reported Damages						
<i>Owners</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>1,216</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<i>Renters</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>874</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>

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## DR-4906-WA

### INCIDENT TYPE:

Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides

### DECLARED:

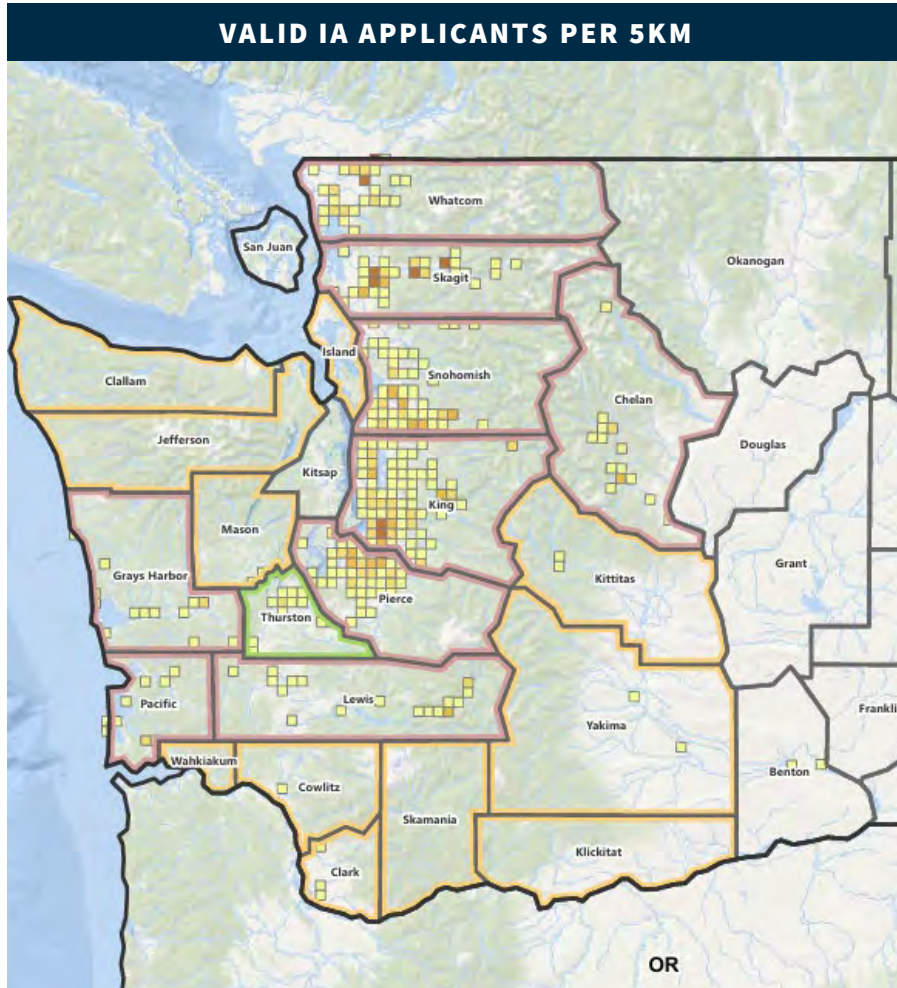
04/07/2026

### LAST FILING:

06/10/2026

### MAP LEGEND:

- States
- Designated Counties
- IA
- PA
- IAPA
- No Designation
- IA Applicants (All) per 5KM
- ≤ 14
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Top 5 County with FEMA Applicants				
King	Whatcom	Skagit	Pierce	Snohomish
<b>284</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>

FEMA Registrations	
Total	<b>1,025</b>

Individual and Households Program (IHP) Breakdown			
<i>Referred Individuals</i>	IHP <b>989</b>	Housing Assistance <b>875</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>917</b>
<i>Approved Amount</i>	IHP <b>\$4,204,187</b>	Housing Assistance <b>\$1,917,001</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>\$2,287,186</b>

Applicant Reported Damages						
<i>Owners</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>824</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<i>Renters</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>387</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>8%</b>

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## DR-4899-MS

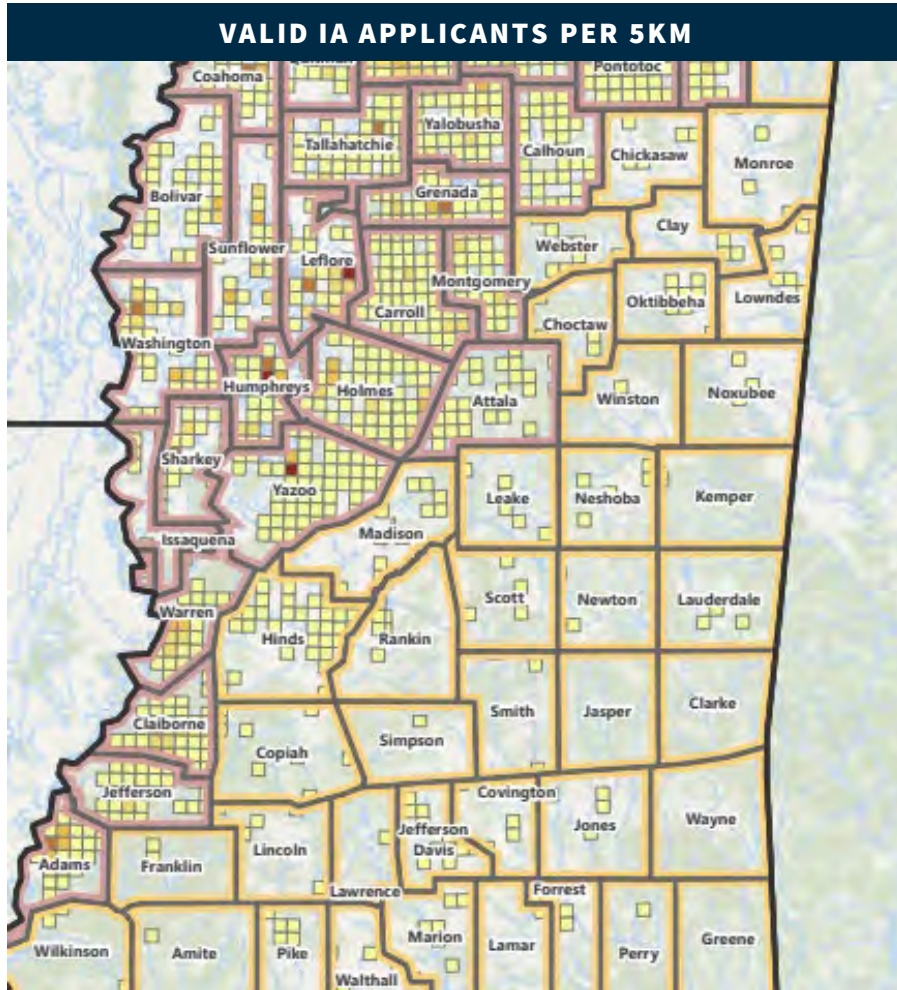
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Severe Winter Storm

**DECLARED:**  
02/06/2026

**LAST FILING:**  
06/10/2026

**MAP LEGEND:**

- States
- Designated Counties
- IA
- PA
- IAPA
- No Designation
- IA Applicants (All) per 5KM**
- ≤ 14
- ≤ 24
- ≤ 36
- ≤ 79



Top 5 County with FEMA Applicants				
Panola	Holmes	Leflore	DeSoto	Layfayette
<b>4,238</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>2,029</b>

FEMA Registrations	
Total	<b>40,225</b>

Individual and Households Program (IHP) Breakdown			
<i>Referred Individuals</i>	IHP <b>34,672</b>	Housing Assistance <b>30,705</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>28,090</b>
<i>Approved Amount</i>	IHP <b>\$29,101,215</b>	Housing Assistance <b>\$13,487,285</b>	Other Needs Assistance <b>\$15,613,930</b>

Applicant Reported Damages						
<i>Owners</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>29,289</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<i>Renters</i>	Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
	<b>18,226</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>9%</b>

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## DR-4898-TN

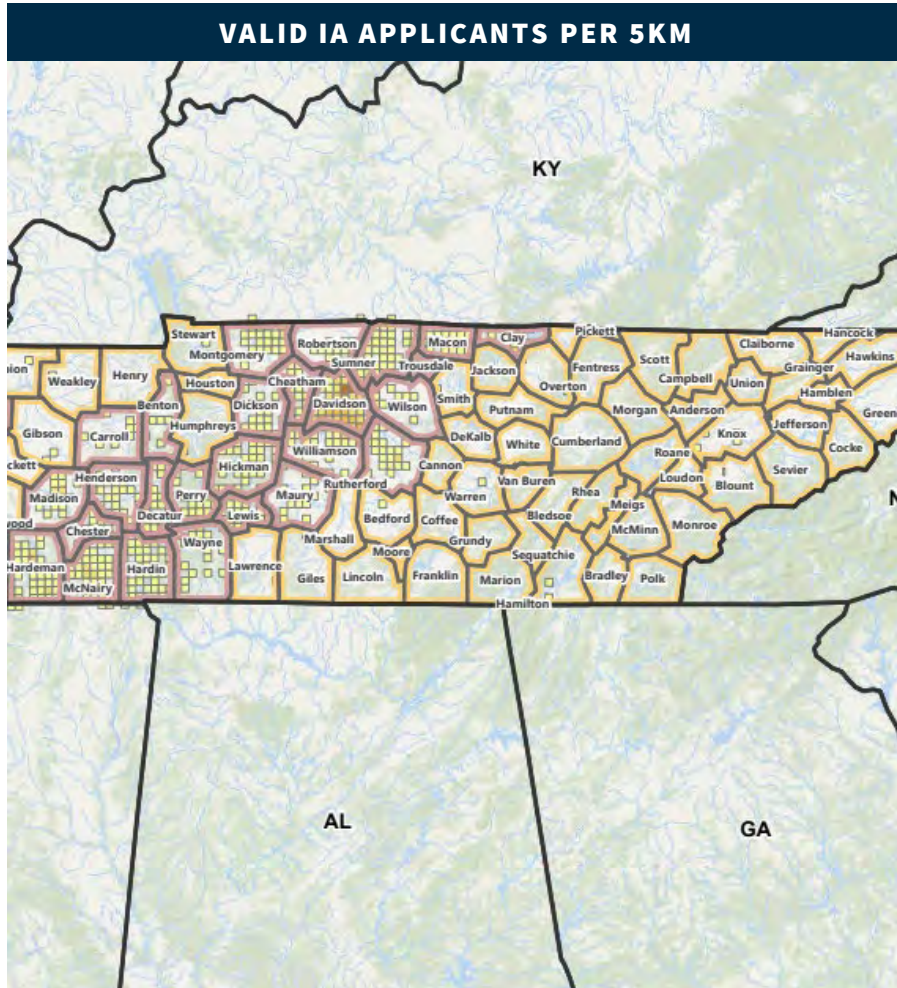
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Severe Winter Storm

**DECLARED:**  
02/06/2026

**LAST FILING:**  
06/10/2026

**MAP LEGEND:**

- States
- Designated Counties
- IA
- PA
- IAPA
- No Designation
- IA Applicants (All) per 5KM**
- ≤ 14
- ≤ 24
- ≤ 36
- ≤ 79



Top 5 County with FEMA Applicants				
<b>Shelby</b>	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Hardeman</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Sumner</b>
<b>21,959</b>	<b>5,980</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>533</b>

FEMA Registrations	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,622</b>

Individual and Households Program (IHP) Breakdown			
<b>Referred Individuals</b>	<b>IHP</b>	<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>Other Needs Assistance</b>
	<b>28,518</b>	<b>24,594</b>	<b>24,520</b>
<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>IHP</b>	<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>Other Needs Assistance</b>
	<b>\$18,668,888</b>	<b>\$3,704,590</b>	<b>\$14,964,298</b>

Applicant Reported Damages						
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
	<b>11,461</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Renters</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
	<b>25,951</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8%</b>

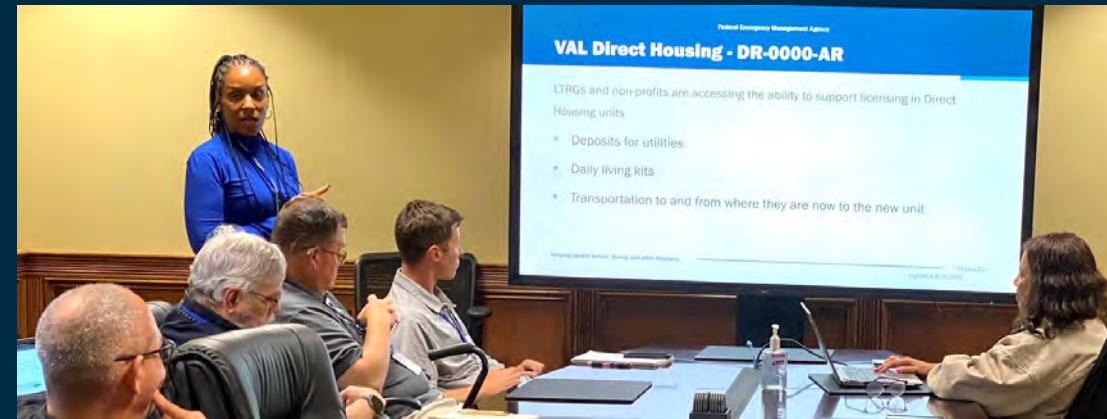
# FEMA VAL Highlights

4/12/2026 - 5/8/2026 | ANNISTON, ALABAMA

## Building Real-World Readiness

**FEMA Incident Management Exercise (IMEX) 2026** held at the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy (FIWA) brought together participants from across the agency for a four-week, large-scale disaster simulation designed to reflect the pace, complexity, and coordination required during real-world operations. IMEX moved participants through multiple disaster phases and operational scenarios, helping teams strengthen their ability to lead, support, and adapt during major incidents.

IMEX helped to ensure workforce readiness, bolster responder qualification, and unify coordination of assets to better assist disaster survivors and communities. This training exercise is more than a test of plans, it is an opportunity for active learning, mentorship, and integration across FEMA. For Individual Assistance (IA), the exercise focused on collaborating with Operations, Planning, and Logistics and on delivering housing mission support with the Voluntary Agency Liaisons (VALs) integrating the non-government partners. The exercise also highlighted the critical role faith-based and voluntary organizations play in disasters.



*"I am proud of what we accomplished through IMEX this year by placing greater emphasis on areas not always included in large-scale exercises, especially voluntary agency coordination through our FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons. The exercise created a strong learning environment that strengthened VAL capabilities while also expanding awareness of the work VALs do alongside our internal partners."*

**- Sarah Mahlik, Cadre Training Manager, Individual Assistance**

# FEMA VAL Highlights



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## Region 4 (KY, TN, SC, NC, GA, AL, MS, FL)

### DR-4860/4864/4875-KY

- FEMA VALs are **providing subject matter expertise** on capacity building and addressing unmet needs to the remaining operational LTRGs across affected areas.
- **On-going VAL coordination** with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Green River Regional LTRG** and local partners are receiving support from FEMA VALs. The LTRG includes Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, and Webster counties.
  - **Bullitt County LTRG** fiscal agent is Mt. Washington Community Ministries.

### DR-4898-TN

- **22 non-governmental organizations** are supporting efforts across donations and volunteer management, feeding, sheltering, emotional spiritual care, debris removal, legal aid, financial assistance, disaster casework, medical, rebuilding and technology.
- FEMA VALs are providing **subject matter expertise and guidance** to LTRGs in various stages of development in all 29 Individual Assistance declared counties.

### DR-4827-NC

- FEMA VALs are providing subject matter expertise to build capacity and address unmet needs for 19 operational LTRGs.
- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Avery County LTRG, Mountain Strong, Avery County Emergency Management, and American Red Cross** held a wildfire preparedness event with workshops for adults and children and free carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for participants.
  - **North Carolina Community Foundation** is providing grant funding to **Buncombe County LTRG** and **Burke County LTRG**.

*The Tennessee State VAL conducting a planning meeting with FEMA VALs deployed to DR-4898-TN.*



# FEMA VAL Highlights

## Region 4 (KY, TN, SC, NC, GA, AL, MS, FL) - Continued

### DR-4806/4828/4834-FL

- FEMA VALs are providing subject matter expertise to build capacity and address unmet needs for **35 active LTRGs** and **13 local community organizations active in disaster groups**.
- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Pinellas & Hillsborough United in Recovery** is receiving funding from **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** and is assisting with repair projects.
  - **Capacity Path Relief Organization** is providing mental health resources for disaster case managers to combat burn out and stress.
  - **Hurricane Help Florida** is offering home repair, rebuilding materials and contractor vetting assistance for homeowners with disaster damage.
  - **Action Network for Community Hope and Organized Recovery (ANCHOR)**, an initiative of **United Way of Indian River County**, supports long-term disaster recovery through collaboration with community partners.
  - **Rebuild Florida** has 211 active applications in Taylor County for rebuild assistance
  - **Endeavors** is working 140 open disaster case management cases with **Taylor County Strong LTRG**.

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## Region 8 (CO, SD, ND, MT, UT, WY)

### DR-4847-Crow Tribe of Montana

- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Sister Corps** is preparing for a service mission in June 2026. Potential construction projects include building of ADA ramps.
  - **Seven Star LTRG Board** is identifying additional grant funding opportunities
  - **Pryor House** is developing a shelter to address the critical need for tribal families to have a place to live while their homes are rebuilt.
- **Amazon** and **Walmart** have donated a total of **22 storage trailers** for the Tribal households to utilize as their homes are being repaired by the FEMA Permanent Housing Construction (PHC) mission.



*"Walmart and Amazon generously fulfilled a crucial storage need for the Crow Tribe of Montana households in the FEMA Permanent Housing Construction mission. With these donations, FEMA can work on more homes at once, which speeds up recovery and builds stronger, more resilient communities. Collaborations with private and non-profit partners are fundamental to recovery efforts and help tribal families rebuild faster and look ahead with renewed hope."*

**- Matthew Cedar, Voluntary Agency Liaison, Region 8**

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## Region 9 (KY, TN, SC, NC, GA, AL, MS, FL)

### DR-4910-MP

- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Team Rubicon** medical teams on Saipan and Tinian are integrated with **Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC)** and other national partners.
  - **The Salvation Army** and **Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC)** are partnering to deploy connectivity equipment to enhance communications and intake services.
  - **Billy Graham Rapid Response** has deployed a team of crisis-trained chaplains, supporting over 400 people.

### EM-3644-GU

- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Heart to Heart International** is coordinating a shipment of hygiene kits and electrolyte hydration packets to **Be Heartfelt** for distribution to families.
  - **Adventist Community Services** is collecting grant requests from local organizations on Guam.

## Region 10 (AK, OR, ID, WA)

### DR-4893-AK

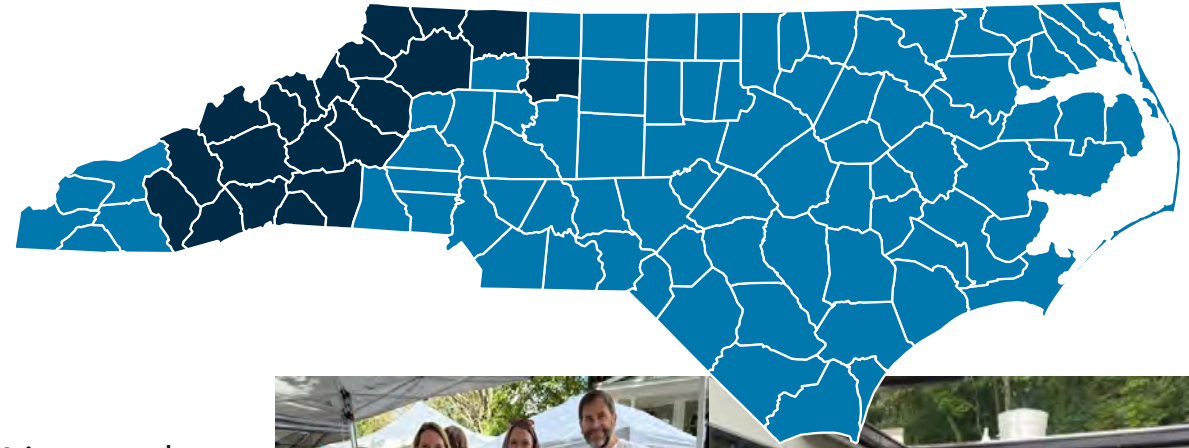
- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **Halong Alaska Recovery Team (HART) LTRG** is working with a JBER Chaplain (US Army, Seventh Day Adventist) on capacity building.
  - **The Girl Scouts, Scouts of America, Reach 907, University of AK at Anchorage, and Alaska Sea Life Center** are viable summer camp options for youth displaced by Halong.
  - **Southcentral Foundation Partnership (SCF)** has identified facilities and equipment on its campus for a Maqii (steam house) to facilitate culturally appropriate spiritual and physical cleansing.

### DR-4906-WA

- Ongoing VAL coordination with faith-based and non-governmental partners to advance long-term recovery operations:
  - **United Way, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** and **WA VOAD** are working with VALs to identify resources and support for counties.

FEMA SPOTLIGHT

# Western North Carolina Long Term Recovery Groups



DR-4827-NC RECOVERY

When Hurricane Helene struck Western North Carolina in September 2024, the 39 impacted counties experienced damage on a level they had not seen before. Today, a region that previously had no existing Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) now has **19 LTRGs operating in 20 counties across Western North Carolina.**

In the storm's wake, FEMA VALs worked closely with North Carolina State VALs, local leaders, faith communities, and nonprofits to build LTRGs – the infrastructure for long-term recovery. Through sustained coordination, these efforts helped communities move from ad-hoc relief to organized, locally led recovery. As response operations wind down, LTRGs become the backbone of recovery. They bring together local partners, manage cases, coordinate funding, and guide decisions about filling unmet needs. They also look ahead to identify preparedness efforts that can reduce future risk. The LTRGs remain actively engaged in ongoing recovery efforts, so the following highlights and figures from the county LTRGs represent a snapshot in time and will continue to evolve as work progresses:

**Avery County:** 1,500 families supported by 50 partner organizations and 200 volunteers; \$2.5 million in aid distributed to families.

**Buncombe County:** Invested over \$250,000 in eviction prevention and more than \$230,000 in rental assistance. They have secured \$100,000 for disaster case management to help address residents' unmet needs and are in the process of applying for a multi-million grant for rebuild and repair projects.

**Henderson County:** Served 361 people in 111 households (with 50 on the waiting list), secured \$300,000 in external grant funding, created a resource library featuring more than 100 organizations, and leveraged over \$80,000 in additional unmet needs support.

**Transylvania County:** Secured \$1 million in grant funding, supporting 115 survivor referrals for unmet needs assistance, and has rebuilt five home with an additional 26 home –rebuilding projects in the queue.



# Recovery is a Team Sport



## Frank Matranga

Assistant Administrator (A)  
Office of Response and Recovery

“Community-led recovery groups reflect the true strength of collaboration between local leaders, faith-based and voluntary organizations supported by Recovery agencies. Our partners are deeply rooted in the communities they serve, and their support helps survivors recover, rebuild, and move forward after a disaster.”

## Derrick Lea

Executive Director  
Adventist Community Services (ACS)  
Disaster Response

“ACS Disaster Response is committed to walking alongside Western North Carolina communities through long-term recovery. Our volunteer teams continue supporting families and communities impacted by Hurricane Helene, helping survivors navigate the long road to recovery one home and one community at a time. Recovery takes years, and we’re committed to being there every step of the way.”

## Yvonne Antoine-Wilson

VAL Group Supervisor  
FEMA-DR-4827-NC

“I am deeply grateful to our partners and VALs who stepped up during Western North Carolina’s darkest days. Their willingness to do any job—from debris removal to managing donations and volunteers—made a decisive difference. Watching voluntary agencies unite as WNC LTRGs and move from chaos to coordinated recovery showed how powerful a community can be when it works as one.”

## DuWayne Tewes

Federal Coordinating Officer  
FEMA-DR-4827-NC

“Although each disaster and impacted community is unique, they all have something in common: the need for faith-based and voluntary organizations who play a crucial role in helping communities to recover.”



PARTNERS IN ACTION

# Hawaii



## DR-4909-HI RESPONSE

Following the Kona Low systems in March 2026, a local non-profit named [Malama Kula](#) mobilized woodchipper, chainsaw, and equipment crews to canvas storm damage and clear downed trees for more than **50 properties**.

[Team Rubicon](#) deployed volunteers to assist with debris removal and worked side-by-side with [Malama Kula](#). [Maui Oil](#) supported the crews with fuel for their equipment.

[Malama Kula](#) recycled storm-damaged branches into wood chips, delivering them for free through the **Kula Wood Chip Distribution Program**.

Working with the [Hawaii Department of Transportation \(HDOT\)](#), they established drop-sites for tree limbs along Kekaulike Avenue and placed green waste bins throughout the community, accelerating recovery for the affected families.

Images Courtesy of Malama Kula

# PARTNERS IN ACTION Michigan



Images Courtesy of Mercy Chefs



## SEVERE FLOODING RESPONSE

In April 2026, severe flooding impacted Northern Michigan. [Mercy Chefs](#) responded by providing hot meals to affected families.

With roads impassable, volunteers delivered meals by boat to survivors who were unable to leave their homes, offering comfort and reassurance to communities that had been trapped by floodwater for more than two weeks.

Many families experienced prolonged isolation, with floodwaters damaging furniture and belongings, weakening home foundations, and leaving a long road to recovery ahead. **Mercy Chefs'** efforts provided not only nourishment, but a reminder that these families have not been forgotten.

## VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON SNAPSHOT

PARTNERS IN ACTION

# Tennessee



## DR-4898-TN RECOVERY

The Severe Winter Storm in January 2026, left Tennessee with blocked roads, downed trees, and exposed homes. [Team Rubicon's](#) Greyshirts deployed a Quick Reaction Force to Hardin County, where sawyers and equipment operators worked alongside state agencies to reconnect residents isolated by the hazardous road conditions.

Relief operations expanded across Hardin, Hickman, and Davidson counties. Greyshirts supported rural families and homes by conducting muck-outs, roof tarping, chainsaw work, debris removal, disaster mapping, and damage assessments.

Through steady and practical work, **Team Rubicon** helped communities take the next step toward recovery.

PARTNERS IN ACTION

# Mississippi



DR-4899-MS RECOVERY

The Severe Winter Storm in January 2026 caused widespread blackouts and buried north Mississippi in debris.

In February 2026, volunteers from [Mississippi Southern Baptist Disaster Relief \(MSBDR\)](#) launched response sites across the hardest-hit areas. Chainsaw teams, heavy equipment, and an elevated lift cleared hazardous trees and limbs that were at risk of causing serious injury to residents. Work requests were being prioritized for residents who are elderly, disabled, homebound, single parents, or hospice patients.

**MSBDR** partnered with local churches to operate warming stations and provide meals. Through thousands of volunteer hours, Mississippi families are taking the next step toward recovery.

**VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON SNAPSHOT**



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# Michigan



## SEVERE FLOODING RESPONSE

In response to the Northern Michigan flood, [Disaster Relief At Work \(DRAW\)](#) distributed more than **5,400 cleaning buckets** and relief supplies across **22** affected counties. Donations include:

- Gloves
- Towels
- Trash bags
- Masks
- Personal hygiene items
- Box fans
- Generators
- Heavy-duty totes
- Hand tools

This effort was made possible through collaboration with [MSP Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division](#), [Convoy of Hope](#), [World Vision Pittsburgh](#) along with many other partners.

Together, these partners helped ensure families received the supplies needed to begin recovery.



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# Washington

Images Courtesy of All Hands & Heart



All Hands and Hearts  
Smart Response

DR-4906-WA RECOVERY

Once the flooding from the Atmospheric River in December 2025 receded in Sumas, Washington, [All Hands & Hearts](#) stepped in to support recovery.

Their teams conducted muck and gut work, which included debris removal, crawl space clean-outs, and drying homes with fans and dehumidifiers. They also performed mold remediation to prevent further damage.

Through these coordinated efforts, **All Hands & Hearts** helped restore homes and support the community's recovery.



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# Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

DR-4910-MP RESPONSE



After witnessing [Tzu Chi](#)'s humanitarian work in Taiwan, the [American Red Cross \(ARC\)](#) partnered with [Tzu Chi](#) to support communities impacted by [Super Typhoon Sinlaku](#). In April 2026, the [American Red Cross](#) placed its first order with [Tzu Chi](#) for emergency supplies to aid Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

**ARC's order to Tzu Chi includes:**

- 30,000 instant rice packs
- 30,000 instant noodles
- 150,000 energy bars
- 150,000 grain packs

**First airlifted shipment:**

- 4,800 instant rice packs
- 4,800 instant noodles
- 24,000 energy bars
- 24,000 grain packs

[Tzu Chi](#) is also donating **5,000 bottles** of mosquito repellent, to be shipped by sea, to support the survivors. This collaboration marks a new chapter in delivering timely, compassionate relief to those in need.

**VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON SNAPSHOT**



Images Courtesy of Tzu Chi, USA

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# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



DR-4910-MP RESPONSE

Ten days after Super Typhoon Sinlaku impacted Saipan, **Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)** deployed a team to help lead a local coalition focused on supporting survivors with disabilities and aging needs.

The local coalition brings together the **CNMI Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**, the **CNMI University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities**, and national partners including the **American Red Cross**, **Team Rubicon**, and **Samaritan's Purse**.

Thanks to partnerships established before the storm, FODAC and the coalition members quickly mobilized to identify and address urgent needs for durable medical equipment (DME), oxygen, CPAP machines, nebulizers, and other supplies essential for independence and recovery.

There is a distribution plan to deliver the needed equipment, with the first air shipment expected to arrive in May. Much of the equipment will be donated by **Amazon Disaster Relief**.

With over 46,000 residents on the island—30% of whom are diabetic—the coalition's work is critical to ensuring survivors can access the resources they need to remain independent during recovery.



PARTNERS IN ACTION

# Hawaii



## DR-4909-HI RESPONSE

After Kona Low systems went through Hawaii in March 2026, shipments of critical supplies were needed. **Emergency cargo such as generators and essential hygiene products**, was quickly mobilized from Chicago to Honolulu to assist impacted communities.

Air logistics operations require careful coordination to match available capacity, engage equipped partners, and address local needs to ensure the right supplies arrive where and when they are needed.

This urgent mission to support Hawaii's recovery, depended on collaboration between organizations like **United Cargo, Airlink, Inc.** and **Good360**, to combine their logistics expertise with humanitarian response.

Images Courtesy of United Cargo



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# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



## DR-4910-MP RESPONSE

[Samaritan's Purse](#) continued their response to Typhoon Sinlaku with three airlifts on their 767 aircraft, delivering a field hospital and critical supplies. Teams distributed **6,500 tarps**, nearly **6,000 solar lights**, **500 mosquito nets**, almost **15,000 jerry cans**, and **203 generators** to those with chronic illnesses.

Three clinic restart modules were established, and medical staff treated nearly **900 patients** at the outpatient clinic. Their desalinization system converted over **96,000 gallons** of ocean water to drinking water. Alongside these efforts, the [Billy Graham Rapid Response Team](#) provided emotional and spiritual care to the community.

VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON SNAPSHOT



PARTNERS IN ACTION

# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



DR-4910-MP RESPONSE

[Marianas Strong](#) is a community-led initiative created in response to Super Typhoon Sinlaku. Formed by young people from Saipan, including those who currently live off the island, Marianas Strong is hosting an [online resource hub](#) with real-time announcements from local authorities, resources from community organizations and partners, and reports from residents.

The goal of the resource hub is to serve as one central, easy-to-use platform to make reliable information and resources more accessible for the communities affected by Super Typhoon Sinlaku. All updates are time-stamped and include critical information such as shelter availability, food and water distribution, and medical services and wait times.

To ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information shared, Marianas Strong is actively coordinating with CNMI VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) in sourcing and verifying updates and resources.

***“This resource is made possible by the many individuals and organizations who continue to share updates, verify information, and support one another. We are grateful for everyone contributing to keep our community informed and connected.”***

***– Marianas Strong***

# Super Typhoon Sinlaku Resource Hub

Last Updated: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:37 AM CHST

Real-Time Updates And Resources For Super Typhoon Sinlaku Response And Recovery In Saipan.

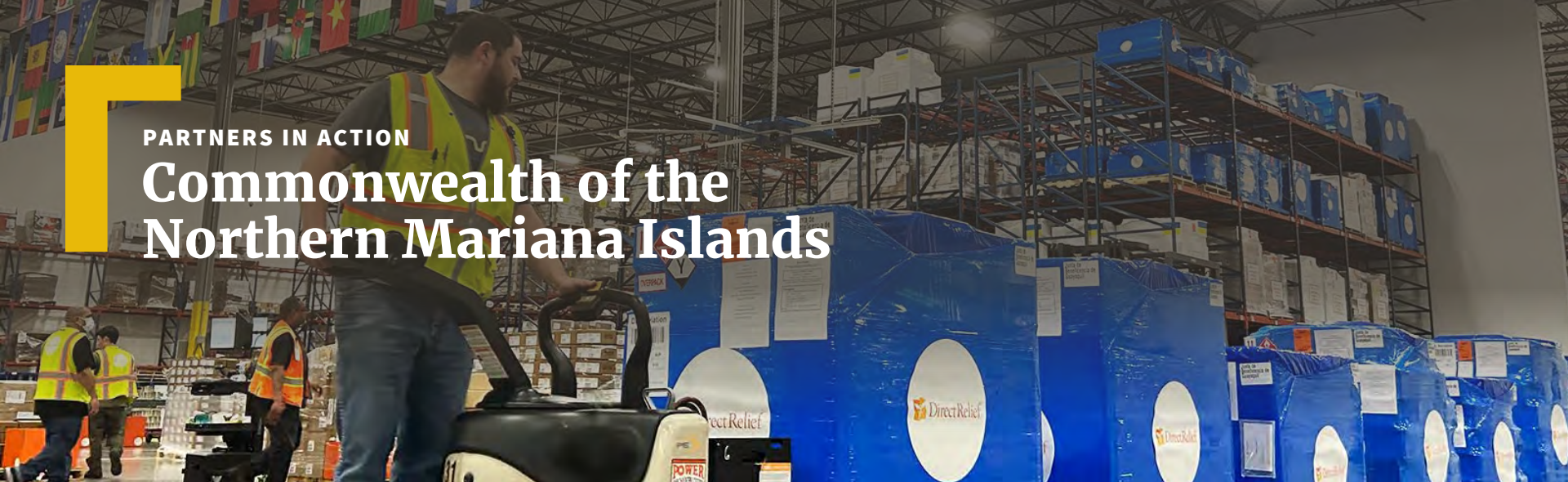
Report an Update

Susupe Village, Saipan after Super Typhoon Sinlaku 2026.

Image Credit: Will Hunter

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# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



DR-4910-MP RESPONSE



**Direct Relief** mobilized emergency health support with a strong focus on **Saipan** and **Tinian** in the **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)**.

Leveraging its global emergency response and logistics capabilities, **Direct Relief** worked in close partnership with the **Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC)**, the **Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPICA)**, and local healthcare providers to support community-based response efforts and mobile medical operations serving CNMI residents.



Direct Relief coordinated shipments of emergency medical aid that included **emergency medical backpacks** for frontline responders, insulin syringes and blood glucose testing supplies to maintain diabetes care, and over-the-counter medicines for pain, respiratory illness, digestive issues, and eye care—addressing both urgent storm-related health needs and ongoing chronic care during prolonged outages. To help sustain healthcare operations on Saipan, Direct Relief also provided a **\$15,000 emergency operating grant** through PIPICA, which covered generator fuel for community health centers running on backup power, a critical need identified by local partners to prevent service reductions.

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# North Carolina



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## Future Responders Gain International EMS Experience

Appalachian  
STATE UNIVERSITY

### DISASTER COLLABORATIVE

Appalachian State University (App State), a member of FEMA’s Academic and Financial Collaboratives, provided students in its [Mountaineer Medics](#) program with an international emergency response learning opportunity alongside the London Ambulance Service in the United Kingdom.

During the weeklong program, students participated in ride-alongs with ambulance crews and emergency response teams, observing how responders manage emergency and non-emergency incidents across London. The experience strengthened students’ leadership, adaptability, and operational awareness while providing insight into international EMS systems.

Mountaineer Medics, a student-led EMT program at App State, provides emergency medical support on campus while preparing students for careers in emergency management, healthcare, and public safety. The partnership reflects App State’s continued commitment to hands-on learning and building the next generation of emergency response professionals.



*“Partnering with the London Ambulance Service gave our Mountaineer Medics a front-row seat to how a high-volume EMS system operates, and that kind of coordination is exactly what strengthens our whole-of-community readiness. The lessons they brought home are sharpening their skills, informing our training, and improving how we support survivors and communities when emergencies and disasters strike.”*

**- Jason Marshburn, director of App State Environmental Health, Safety and Emergency Management**

Voluntary Agency Liaison

# VAL Snapshot

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