



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Joint Information Center

SINLAKU RECOVERY UPDATE

As of Wednesday, April 29, 2026

The Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to coordinate response and recovery messaging following the impacts of Typhoon Sinlaku. Response agencies and partners are working around the clock to restore critical services and support affected communities across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

POWER & WATER

Updates as of April 28, 2026

POWER RESTORATION SNAPSHOT

Utility	Saipan	Tinian	Rota
Power	15,624 out (Assessments ongoing)	100% Offline	Back to Normal Operations
Water	44% Restored (Boil Notice)	98% Operational (Boil Notice)	100% Restored

Saipan Restoration

System Status & Safety

- **Outages:** 15,624 customers remain without power, including 11,769 residential customers.
- **Infrastructure:** A total of 662 power poles are confirmed down.

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- **Assessments:** Guam Power Authority Assessment team (6 staff) arrived on 04/25/2026. The GPA team began preliminary damage assessments and coordination with CUC's Power Division engineers for the damage assessments completed.
- **Hazardous Materials:** EPA and FEMA support for hazardous material cleanup, including damaged transformers, has begun. As of 04/28/2026, there has been a total of 25 transformers retrieved.

Transmission & Feeder Updates

- **Feeder 1 & 3, Partial 1** to the Hospital was initially energized at 4:00PM on 04/19/2026 and remains online with the CUC grid on 04/22/2026 at 7:04PM and 100% load at 8:02PM.
- **Feeder 4:** Completed restoration work of clearing down wooden poles from Kagman Main Road. Completed restoration work at the KG 131 well, Kagman Booster overhead power lines to the generator. Completed the installation of 4 power poles on Feeder 4, 1st Partial from Power Plant no. 1 towards the Governor's Office.
- **Feeder 7:** Currently restringing and re-framing conductors at the As Matus Water Wells.
- **Kiya 1:** Completed ongoing restoration work of restringing, reframing of conductors towards the Isley Water Wells.
- **Kiya 3:** Completed the restoration work at the S3 Lift Station, the facility has been isolated and ready to be energized. All pad-mounted transformers, customers who were isolated are awaiting the linecrew to open fuse cut-outs ready to be energized.
 - FEMA Debris Task Force cleared access to Chalan Kiya Road.
 - Restringing and framing of conductors on Beach Road and Chalan Msgr. Guerrero (former Atkins Kroll intersection) to the Garapan Fishing Base (near Horiguchi Building)
- **Kiya Substation:** Pending installation of back up FEMA generator.
- **Kiya 4:** Completed clearing of primary lines in Oleai/Falufula and Susupe (near Mt. Carmel Cathedral).

Current Stats: 662 poles down | 15,624 total customers out (11,769 residences).

Power Generation Facilities

Facility	Status	Repair Timeline
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Plants 1 & 2	Assessments complete; debris clearing ongoing.	Side wall repairs are 75% complete . Heating of DE#1 and DE#2 generator windings is ongoing.
Plant 3	Experienced a trip on 04/27 due to an air-break switch arcing.	Restored: Electrical services to Isley and Obyan wells were restored at 1:00 PM on 04/28/2026.
Plant 4	Experienced a trip (DE#3) on 04/27.	DE#2 was started to restore services. Total capacity reduced by 2MW due to DE#3 being offline.
Aggreko	Coordination ongoing.	Beginning synchronization with Plant 4 prior to taking on additional load.

Tinian & Rota Restoration

- **Tinian:** Feeder assessments are 90% complete; **111 poles and 38 transformers are confirmed down**. All feeders remain **offline** (1,059 customers out).
 - **Rota line crew (5 staff) arrived on 04/27/2026 to assist with restoration.**
- **Rota:** 100% of primary lines are energized on Feeders 1 and 2. Only 8 customers remain without power due to individual infrastructure damage.

WATER RESTORATION

Saipan Water

- **Current Production: 6.2 million gallons/day (58% capacity).**

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- **Customer Access: 44% (3,858 of 8,758 customers).**
- **Infrastructure: 45% (59 of 138) of wells and facilities are online.** 0 are on the CUC power grid.
- **Recent Wins:** 19 weather heads for the water wells have been repaired as of 3:30 PM on 04/28/2026.

⚠️ BOIL WATER NOTICE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

Saipan Filling Stations (Effective 04/25)

LOCATION	HOURS OF OPERATION
Puerto Rico Road, Puerto Rico	8:00AM to 11:00PM Daily
Chalan Kanoa, Dr. Torres Drive (WSR Elem. School)	8:00AM to 11:00PM Daily
Tinaktak Drive, Koblerville	8:00AM to 6:00PM Daily
Capitol Hill Road, Capitol Hill	8:00AM to 6:00PM Daily
Chacha Road, Kagman	8:00AM to 11:00PM Daily
Tuturam Drive, San Vicente	8:00AM to 11:00PM Daily

Additional filling stations are being used to support government tanker operations supplying emergency shelters and critical facilities.

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Tank Service Area (TSA)	Estimated Customers with Water		No. of Customers
	Count	Percent	
As Matusi	212	45%	470
Kannat Tabla	0	0%	764
As Terlaje	0	0%	315
Capitol Hill	414	95%	436
Puerto Rico	534	65%	822
Agag	290	100%	290
Rapagao	101	65%	155
Calhoun	118	25%	471
Dandan	37	5%	730
Gualo Rai	145	95%	153
Isley/Koblerville	575	30%	1918
Kagman	1,088	100%	1088
San Vicente	199	20%	993
Papago	145	95%	153
Total	3,858	44%	8758

Saipan Wastewater

- **Plants:** Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant is operational with a FEMA generator. Agingan plant is monitored and fueled by FEMA.
- **Lift Stations:** 12 on CUC generators , 12 on portable generators , 6 via septic hauler bypass. A3 Lift Station is now operational with a FEMA generator.
- **New Progress:** A3, A4, and A5 Lift Stations are now operational with FEMA generators.

Tinian Water Update

- **Water Service:** 98% online; 861 total customers (679 residential).
- **Damage Assessment:** Roof damage observed on Tinian Water Tank ; engineering cost estimates pending.
- **System Operations:** Maui 2 well running on backup generator.

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Rota Water Update

- **System Status:** 100% online; 863 total customers (681 residential).
- **Notice:** **Precautionary Boil Water Notice was officially canceled as of April 22, 2026.**
- **Infrastructure:** Solar chlorination system is non-operational; **CUC is using an alternative chlorination source.**

PUBLIC WORKS

NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SITREP

As Gonno Temporary Debris Waste Disposal Site

- The As Gonno Temporary Debris Waste Disposal Site was opened on April 28, 2026 at 10AM to receive green waste.
 - Operating Hours moving forward will be 8:00AM - 5:00PM daily.
 - Other typhoon-related debris will be collected at a later date and announced through official channels.

COMMUNICATIONS

Network Coverage Overview

- **Provider 1 Statistics:** Saipan (97%), Rota (100%), Tinian (55%).
- **Provider 2 Statistics:** Rota (100% on Mobile Services), Saipan/Tinian (Most of the island has been restored).

Restored Areas: Saipan

- **Newly Restored:** Navy Hill, Sadog Tasi, San Vicente
- **Active Sectors:** Grandvrio, China Town, Dandan, Mt. Tapochao, Kagman, Kensington Hotel, Sasha Building (Quarter Master), DSebastian Building (Tanapag), MH2 Building (Puerto Rico), Lower Base (CUC Plant), Paradiso Resort, Crowne Plaza, Torres Building (Sugar King), Hermans Bakery, CNMI Homeland Security, Finasisu, Kiyu-Ville,

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Koblerville Village, Nauru Building, Afetna Supermarket, Thunder Chicken, RJ Plaza, Airport, and Gualo Rai BECQ.

Restored Areas: Tinian

- **Status:** 75% restored on mobile services.
- **Active Sectors:** Carolina Heights (Newly Restored), Tinian Airport, Marpo Village

Rota

- **Status:** 100% restored on mobile services.
- **Rota Home Services Update:** Approximately 75% of customers with Home Internet, Cable TV, and Home Phone services have been restored. Work continues.

FUEL AVAILABILITY

Island	Provider	Locations & Hours
Saipan	Shell	<p style="text-align: center;">Highway Express (6:00 AM – 7:00 PM) Dandan and San Roque** (24 HOURS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**Dandan and San Roque are designated sites for First Responders & All Customers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susupe - Undergoing Maintenance</p>

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	Mobil	Garapan (6:00AM - 8:15PM; 9:45PM - 6:00AM) Chalan Kiya, Chalan Piao, Middle Road, Koblerville, Sadog Tasi, San Vicente, Susupe (7:00AM - 7:00PM AS OF APRIL 30, 2026)
Tinian	Tinian Fuel Services	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Rota	Multiple	Luta Gas & Sasanhaya (6:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority

From 4/10/2026 to 4/29/2026 - 399 TRANSPORTS

Current Operations

- Call-A-Ride Rota (CARR) is fully operational.
- Call-A-Ride Saipan (CARS) is only operating for essential trips (hemodialysis, prescription refills, clinic visits, and scheduled appointments).
- Fixed Route Blue Line 1B is operational under modified service hours. Operational hours are Sunday-Saturday from 6:30AM to 5:30PM.

Temporarily Suspended

- Call-A-Ride Tinian (CART) is temporarily suspended. Services will resume on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

SHELTERS & HOUSING

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Saipan Shelters & Housing

- Marianas High School (1)
- Marianas High School (2)
- Oleai Head Start
- Koblerville Elementary School
- Kagman Community Center
- Kagman High School
- Dandan Head Start
- Garapan Elementary School
- DCCA Kagman Community Center

Tinian Shelters & Housing

- Tinian Elementary School
- Magdalena M. Hofschneider, Tinian Head Start

Current Shelter Population: 536 (decrease of 23 as of 4/27/2026)

HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

Saipan Health & Medical Services

- **CHCC Emergency Dept:** 24/7 Operations.
- **Outpatient Clinics**
 - Family Care: Mon-Sat (8AM–11PM), Sun (3PM–11PM).
 - Children's/Women's: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM.
- **Pharmacy:** 8 AM – 5:30 PM (Drive-thru available). Closed for lunch 12:00–12:30.
- **Samaritan's Purse:** Daily 8 AM – 8 PM (CHCC Upper Parking Lot).
- **WIC: Remote services (over-the-phone) have become available.**
 - **Monday - Friday from 12:30PM to 4:30PM.**
- **Mobile Clinics in partnership with Samaritan's Purse & Team Rubicon**
 - **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Sunday, May 3, 2026**
 - **Joeten Kiyu Public Center & San Roque Church from 9AM - 12PM**
 - **House-to-house across the community from 1:30PM - 5PM**

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- **Private Clinics:** Medical Associates (8 AM – 4 PM), Isla Community Health - Kagman (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM), Isla Community Health - Southern (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM), Saipan Health Clinic (9:30 AM – 12:30 PM).

Tinian Health & Medical Services

Lucia “Chiang” Villagomez Arizapa Health Center

- OUTPATIENT PHARMACY
 - Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Monday – Friday)
 - CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse & Team Rubicon**
 - **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Sunday, May 3, 2026**
 - **Tinian Public Library**
 - **House-to-house across the community from 7AM - 7PM**

Rota Health & Medical Services

Rota Health Center

- Hours: 7:30AM – 4:30PM
- OUTPATIENT PHARMACY
 - 8AM – 5:30 (Monday – Friday)
 - CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program, or EPAP is a federal program that helps uninsured people in disaster areas get the prescription drugs, vaccinations, medical supplies, and equipment that they need.

Who qualifies? Answer: People without health insurance

People who qualify for EPAP can replace certain prescription medicine, medical supplies vaccines and certain pieces medical equipment that were:

- Lost or damaged while evacuating or because of the disaster
- Not refilled before disaster
- Lost or damaged at evacuation shelter

You are ineligible for the EPAP if you have

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- Individual health insurance policy
- Employer-sponsored coverage
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Other third-party coverage

If EPAP is activated in your area after a disaster, follow these steps for help:

- Make sure you qualify for EPAP
- Find out if your prescription or medical supplies are covered by EPAP
- Find a pharmacy participating in EPAP
- Give the pharmacy your medical information

EDUCATION

CNMI Public School System

- Schools Closed/Open: **All CNMI Public School System employees will return to work on April 30, 2026**, as campus cleanup and safety assessments continue. A **Special Board of Education meeting is tentatively planned for May 1, 2026**, to help determine next steps, including the timeline for students to return.
- Some campuses remain in use as community shelters under the American Red Cross.

Northern Marianas College

- Northern Marianas College (NMC) has announced that the Spring 2026 term is ending early in response to the ongoing recovery from Super Typhoon Sinlaku.
- To further support students during these challenging times, NMC has activated a dedicated student hotline: (670) 285-2059/7651 available from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. WhatsApp messaging is an available option as well. More information is available at www.marianas.edu.

Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTech)

- NMTech campus will be open for limited operations for cleaning purposes only as it was flooded and filled with mud. Selected Staff report back to work on Monday to gut ceiling and floor tiles and drywall that has been saturated. All staff will report on Wednesday for full campus clean up. Depending on results of clean up will determine opening of campus for emergency services utilization, I.e. culinary classroom.
- **Spring classes will be suspended until the latter part of June 2026.**

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AIRPORT & PORT OPERATIONS

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Saipan International Airport

Status:

- Daily (daylight) flights available on United Airlines, Micronesian Air Cargo/Connection Services (MACS) and Star Marianas Air (SMA) between Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota only. The Airport has no power and is powered by a generator. Limited running water.
- Airport Runway Assessment: Due to damage to navigational aids (navaids), flights are limited to DAYTIME operations only. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) representatives are on-island to assess the damages to the navaids and the Air Traffic Control Tower. Parts are on order but may take time for it to arrive on the island.
- Additional assistance is being provided by staff from the Guam International Airport Authority to assess the apron and taxiway lights, runway signs and miscellaneous items around the terminal buildings.
- Loading Bridges (Jetways): All six bridges sustained damage, however, Jetway #2 is now operational. Jetway #6 is being repaired now. Two stair-carts will be used as a backup; increasing our enplaning and deplaning to three.
- Perimeter Fence: The perimeter fence line repairs are at 45% complete. Phase 2 is to fabricate chain link gates for all three (3) terminal gates.

Flights:

- United Airlines resuming daily Guam service (effective April 23, 2026)
 - Arrival: 8:50 AM
 - Departure: 9:55 AM
- MACS and Star Marianas Air (SMA) operating daytime commuter and cargo flights
- Additional airline partners pending confirmation

Capacity & Operations:

- Flights limited to daytime operations only (due to damaged navigational aids)
- 1 operational jetway (#2); Jetway #6 under repair
- 2 stair carts available as backup
- Additional assistance is being provided by staff from the Guam International Airport Authority

Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport

- Open with restrictions
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- Daytime operations only

Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport (Rota)

- Open and operational
- Able to receive flights

SEAPORT OPERATIONS

Current Status

- **The Port of Saipan is open for commercial traffic and cargo operations without restrictions.** All cargo operations shall be conducted at the discretion and under the coordination of Saipan Stevedore Company and the vessel agent.
The backup generator at the main port has been installed and assessments to the dock lights are underway to see if they are conducive for night operations.
- The Port of Tinian is under Limited Port Heavy Weather Condition (PHWC) WHISKEY. Port facilities are currently open to all commercial traffic. Operations are limited to DAYLIGHT only.
- **Rota West Harbor: Due to potential hazards at Berths 1 and 2, the U.S. Coast Guard has ordered a suspension of all cargo delivery loading and discharge at the commercial berths.**

Navigation Safety

- Mariners are advised to use caution when entering or departing waterways
- Report damaged navigation aids to the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam Command Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

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General Updates

- **All beaches on Saipan and Tinian are now open; however, CNMI DPS advises the public to remain cautious as debris may still be present in the water.**
- **All beaches on Rota remain closed**
- All non-essential service fees are temporarily suspended during the recovery period

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Traffic Safety Notice for Saipan

Due to dark intersections and non-functioning traffic signals, motorists are advised to follow these guidelines:

- Complete Stop: Come to a full stop at all intersections
- Right of Way:
 - First vehicle to arrive proceeds first
 - If arriving at the same time, yield to the vehicle on your right
- Left Turns: Yield to oncoming traffic unless you have established the right of way
- Reduce Speed: Slow down well in advance of intersections
- Stay Alert: Treat all non-functioning signals as a 4-way stop
- Use Signals: Clearly indicate your driving intentions

Pedestrian Safety

- Exercise extra caution, especially at night
- Be aware that street lighting may be limited or unavailable

Security Operations

- Routine patrols are being conducted at FEMA generators located at water well sites.
- These patrols are aimed at preventing tampering and safeguarding critical infrastructure essential to water distribution.

Public Services

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) remains closed until further notice.
- All driver's license and registration fees are waived during the closure period.

DPS remains actively engaged in maintaining public safety, protecting critical resources, and supporting recovery operations across the island.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)

Residents impacted by Super Typhoon Sinlaku may be eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance to support disaster recovery.

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How to Apply

Residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible using one of the following methods:

- **Online:** DisasterAssistance.gov
- **Mobile:** FEMA App
- **Phone:**
 - (671) 735-1050
 - (800) 621-3362*(Standard long-distance rates may apply)*

Application time: Approximately a few minutes

Reminder: Residents are encouraged not to delay applying for assistance.

Eligibility Requirements

FEMA assistance is available to individuals who meet the following criteria:

- U.S. citizens
- Non-citizen nationals
- Qualified aliens

Types of Assistance Available

Eligible residents may receive assistance for:

- Temporary housing needs
- Repairs to owner-occupied homes
- Personal property losses
- Medical expenses
- Funeral expenses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources

Commodity Distribution

Bottled Water Distribution (Saipan)

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), in partnership with FEMA, will begin bottled drinking water distribution to support residents during ongoing recovery operations.

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Distribution Details

Location: Tanapag Beach Playground
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026
Time: 0900 – 1200 (or until supplies last)
Limit: One (1) case of water per family

Site Access & Traffic Management

- Residents may access the site by vehicle or on foot.
- Pedestrians should use designated walking lanes.
- Vehicles must remain in line at all times.
- The CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS) will conduct traffic control operations at the site.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Programs

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofits impacted by Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Homeowners and Renters

Eligible residents may apply for loans to:

- Repair or replace primary residences (up to \$500,000)
- Replace personal property, including vehicles (up to \$100,000)
- Access low fixed interest rates with terms up to 30 years
- Receive no payments and no interest for 12 months
- Fund mitigation improvements to reduce future disaster risk

Businesses and Nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofit organizations may apply for loans to:

- Repair or replace physical property damage
- Cover financial losses related to disaster impacts
- Access funding up to \$2 million

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- Benefit from low fixed interest rates and extended repayment terms
- Support rebuilding and mitigation improvements

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

Small businesses and nonprofits experiencing revenue loss due to the disaster may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to:

- Meet ordinary and necessary financial obligations
- Maintain operations during recovery
- Access loans up to \$2 million
- Receive no payments and no interest for 12 months

How to Apply for SBA Assistance

- Visit: sba.gov/disaster
- Call: (800) 659-2955
- Dial 7-1-1 for telecommunications relay services

GENERAL INFO

Key Contact Information

Service	Contact
Emergency	911
CUC Trouble Desk	670-664-4282 or 670-236-4333
Public Health	670-234-8950
Red Cross	(670) 234-3459

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CNMI EOC Hotline (670)-237-8000 or (670)-287-7106

Stay Informed

The CNMI Joint Information Center will be verifying and releasing critical information in regards to all response and relief efforts pertaining to Super Typhoon Sinlaku. The public is informed to be aware of false information and rumors that may be spreading.

The official media channels of the CNMI Joint Information Center are the CNMI Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor Facebook and Instagram Pages.

Facebook: [@cnmigovernor](#)

Instagram: [@governorcnmi](#)

Website: <https://governor.cnmi.gov/sinlaku-recovery-update/>

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp/>

Commonwealth Utilities Company: cucgov.org

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: chcc.health

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