



## Saipan - Typhoon Soudelor Social Media Summary

### Glide Number: 2015-000102

**Situation Report – (period covered: )**

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### Situation Overview

#### Background:

Tropical Cyclone SOUDELOR formed in the north - west Pacific Ocean, north - west of Enewetak Atoll of the Marshall Islands, on 30 July . Over 30 July - 3 August, it moved north - west, crossing the Northern Mariana Islands, with its centre passing over Saipan with Typhoon intensity, in the afternoon of 2 August (UTC) Typhoon Soudelor made landfall on Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI). The typhoon knocked out electricity on the 77-square-mile island. About 50,000 people live on the commonwealth's four populated islands, with most of them living on Saipan, which took the brunt of the storm

On Aug 7, US President Obama declared a State of Disaster for CNMI following a request for assistance by acting Governor Torres.

#### Highlights:

7 Aug:

- Both gas and water are rationed daily. Shell and Mobile have raised the cap to \$50 of gas per customer. ([source](#))
- The lack of fuel is hampering local community relief efforts including transporting supplies and volunteers and fuel for equipment like chainsaws. Water companies having problems delivering water. ([Source](#))
- The Commonwealth Utilities Corp is providing 100 gallons of water per household per day. Distribution sites listed on their website. ([Source](#))
- Star Water Saipan, a private business that is selling water, is limiting water to three 5-gallon bottles per family per day. ([Source](#))
- The Public School System has been assessing damage to their school. It's unclear right how school schedules will be altered as the recent typhoon has left Saipan's power grid crippled and water services limited. Some schools are postponing classes until further notice. ([Source](#))

## Communications:

Aug 5 **IT&E** - Telephone Service Provider/Long Distance According to a statement the company issued yesterday, it said initial reports are that the recently repaired undersea fiber cable was unaffected by Typhoon Soudelor. However, a number of antennae sites on Saipan and Tinian are offline due to the loss of commercial power. Data, voice, and SMS services are functioning at a decreased capacity because of the inactive antennae sites. All phone line infrastructure is underground. Businesses, residents, and government agencies that use cordless phones can use them if they have backup power. If not, a corded phone, which does not require power, must be utilized in order to make and receive calls. ([source](#))

The Emergency Operations Center, Saipan reports that Cell phone usage limited, multiple dead spots. First responder communications network, operating off of push-to-talk (PTT) ([Source](#))

Via Salvation Army on Facebook "We will be serving hot meals every day until further notice.

12:00 p.m. - 4 p.m. We get very rare internet access and are asking everyone to share the schedule on Facebook and Twitter..

## CNMI radio stations.

[#power99](#)

[#kkmp](#) Live <http://www.streamingthe.net/KKMP-1440-AM-92.1-FM-Saipan/p/29249/live> Requires Java or Flash

## Urgent Needs:

- Aug 7: CNMI Salvation Army is "desperately trying to source bottled water and will begin distribution as soon as we can get it. ([Source](#))
- Aug 7: General need for baby wipes due to no showers/water access. ([Source](#))
- Aug 8: Many animals were injured at the animal shelter when their housing sustained massive damage. They're looking for new homes and a family to love. Call or message Spencer Marchadesch at 670-783-4743 or Jason Hudy at 670-789-9464. ([Source](#))

## Transportation - Infrastructure -Road Conditions:

Ports operational with a limited safety zone (Via [CNMI EOC](#))

## Maps and Situational awareness reports:

ECHO Map via Reliefweb ([Link](#))

## Power and Gas:

[Guam Power Authority](#) (not on social media)

## Water:

- [Commonwealth Utilities Corp](#) is opening five water filling stations to the public this weekend.
- Star Water Taker is delivering water - [delivery schedule](#) Via [Jillian Angeline](#)

**Twitter:**

[@USNavy](#)

[@FEMA](#)

[@USMC](#)

[@JLAngeline](#)

**FaceBook:**

[Humanity Road](#)

[Jillian Angeline](#) (local anchor/reporter)

[CNMI Relief Effort](#) - owner/operator of this facebook page is not listed

[Guam Homeland Security](#) - the GHS team remains at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center to assist with Saipan recovery efforts from Typhoon Soudelor.

[CNMI Salvation Army](#) - updating hours for their soup kitchen and water needs.

[Saipan, CNMI Recovery Assistance](#) launched by members of Hawaii VOST

[Joint Region Marianas](#) Joint Region Marianas, Public Affairs

[Operation: Soudelor Recovery](#) is Administered by the CNMI Office of Public Information & Protocol

[Saipan Cares for Animals](#) - updating animal shelter needs.

[Ed Propst](#) - Representative in CNMI Legislature

**Hashtags:**

In Twitter: #Soudelor #TyphoonSoudelor #Saipan #CNMI

In Facebook: [#GHSOCD](#) [#CNMI](#) [#Saipanrecovery](#) [#EOC](#)

**Hospitals:**

[Division of Public Health Services](#)

Commonwealth Health Center

Hospital Dr, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Phone:+1 670-234-8950

Pacific Medical Center

PMC Building PO Box 501908 Gualo Rai MP- MP 96950-1 Saipan

Phone: +-669 670 233 8100

[Dr. Jose T Villagomez Center for Dialysis](#)

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday— 5:30am-9:00pm | Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday— 7:30am-5:00pm | Closed Sundays, Christmas Day, & New Years

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## **Pictures and Videos:**

Pictures, Aug 2: <https://twitter.com/graceycakez/status/627989932468862976>

Pictures, Aug 2: [https://twitter.com/\\_kevohh/status/628017524785844224](https://twitter.com/_kevohh/status/628017524785844224)

Video Aug 3 Local citizen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmnBjrMWu4c>

Video Aug 4 Drone Footage <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmnBjrMWu4c>

Video American Forces Network <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/AFN-P#.VcZavfl2FB8>

## **Traditional Media and blogs**

[Saipan Tribune](#)

[Pacific Daily News](#)

[Marianas Variety](#)