The Families who were affected by Typhoon Soudelor

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Typhoon Soudelor has affected many families in the CNMI (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); most especially Saipan. There was assistance offered to the people of the CNMI to help them with recovery and get back on track with their lives. Typhoon Soudelor left the CNMI with so much damage to clean up. Everyone had to come together and work as a team to survive and recovery from the after effect of this disaster. Tinian and Rota were not as affected by Typhoon Soudelor as Saipan. Saipan, till this day, is still recovering from the disaster. It took months for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to get the power to turn on for only some villages. Some residences were destroyed and the only solution was to build another home, which would be hard because it would take a lot o money to re-build a house. There was a lot of assistance offered to help those in need to get back in track with their lives. Despite all the damages, the community worked as a team and assistance was available from different agencies and work force.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is one government service that offered aid to those families affected by Typhoon Soudelor. People would apply for assistance from this agency and then from there they would contact you for inspection of your residence. After inspection, monetary assistance would be given to you in your account provided by you in the beginning of the process. Depending on the damages of your home, they would give you the estimated amount of money. This type of assistance would help you out a little, but will not replace your entire home and everything in it.

Red Cross was a voluntary service offering assistance to the affected families. Those who were affected by Typhoon Soudelor calls into our office (Tinian Mayor’s Office) inquires assistance and leaves their names, contact number and their village street fro red cross volunteers to conduct assessment of their homes. This type of assistance offers cleaning supplies, tarps and MRE’s (Military Food).

The US Marines and Sailors were also helpful to the community on Saipan. They were conducting training in the vicinity of the marina islands at the time that Typhoon Soudelor hit. Marines and Sailors had been redirected to Saipan and assist the FEMA, local and federal agencies with typhoon relief efforts. They’ve distributed emergency relief supplies and portable water when Saipan was short in supplies. The Marines and Sailors immediately set up their own purification equipment ashore and ramp up water production and distribution. They’ve distributed over 285,700 gallons of potable water and 215,075 gallons of which were purified by them.

Donations from the community were the most common type of assistance received. People from the community, agencies, private sectors and local government departments all donated different types of necessities to help recover from the disaster.

In conclusion, there was many assistance offered after a disaster occurs. Assistance may consist of monetary assistance, clothes food, cleaning supplies, tarps and even assistance from a helping friend. These assistance is not offered to help recover completely and may not cover all the damages that happened, but it would definitely get people started.

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