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**DPHSS Food Commodity Distribution Effort Reaches
3,025 Families Following Typhoon Sinlaku**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Division of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention (DHAPP) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) led an island-wide food commodity distribution effort in response to Typhoon Sinlaku, addressing immediate food loss experienced by families across Guam in the days following the storm.

This effort was carried out by DHAPP which operates The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), a federally supported program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), allowing for the rapid deployment of food commodities to affected communities during a critical phase of recovery.

With conditions stabilizing and households working through the impact of the storm, DPHSS moved quickly to organize and deploy food commodity distributions across all regions of the island. The effort was structured to reach communities where the need was greatest, while maintaining access points that allowed families to receive support.

Five distribution sites were established, each serving hundreds of households. Locations included Dededo, Micronesia Mall; Yigo, Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall; Dededo, Northern Region Community Health Center; Inalåhan, Community Center; Hagåtña, Governor's Complex, Adelup Breezeway.

Together, these efforts reached a total of **3,025 families across Guam**.

This response was carried forward through the coordination of DPHSS teams alongside dedicated volunteers and partners, including the Guam Green Growth (G3) Conservation Corps, the AmeriCorps Guahan Academy Charter School, the AmeriCorps University of Guam Volunteer Center, the Guam Police Department followed by the support of village mayor staff, and GovGuam agencies who contributed to operations across all sites.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero recognized the impact of the response, stating, "In times of hardship, it is the strength of our community that carries us forward. These efforts reflect a deep commitment to caring for our people and meeting families where they are, especially when they need it most."

DPHSS Director Theresa C. Arriola added, "This response moved with urgency, but also with intention. Families were facing real loss. Every effort was made to meet that moment with care and action."

This phase of typhoon recovery efforts for the food commodity distribution has now concluded. Food commodity support will resume through coordination with Guam's village mayors, continuing to provide access to families through established community channels.

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