



INVEST 95W - TROPICAL STORM CONDITION OF READINESS 3

Highlights:

- PRCS received the 1st National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) Public Advisory 23-83 on Sunday, 12 November 2023 at 5:30pm informing the public of a weather system near Palau known as “Invest 95W” rated by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center as **High** – meaning a Tropical Cyclone development is likely within 24 hours.
- PRCS received the 2nd NEMO Public Advisory 23-84 on Monday, 13 November at 1:30pm informing the public that US National Weather Service Guam had issued a *Tropical Storm Watch* for Palau. Under Tropical Cyclone Action Plan, NEMO issued a **Tropical Storm Condition of Readiness 3** for the entire Republic of Palau.
- PRCS EOC was activated on Monday, 13 November 2023 at 12:08pm; PRCS 1st EOC briefing called at 3:30pm. The NEMO Public Advisory, PRCS Incident Command System (ICS), and priorities discussed. Incident Command Structure (ICS) erected and teams mobilized to fulfill priority assignments.

Table 1: PRCS EOC ICS by Assignment, Name, and Position

ASSIGNMENT	NAME	POSITION
Incident Commander (IC) Deputy IC	Allyne Andrew Nik Ngirailild	Dissemination & Comms Deputy Executive Director
Public Info. Officer	Allyne Andrew	Dissemination & Comms
Safety Officer	Margie Ngirmidol	Administrative Manager
Liaison Officer	Maireng Sengebau	Executive Director
Field Ops	Stephanie Minor Kyle Ongesii Filipo Waqaraitavo Ibuuch Kumaichi Chance Ngirmidol Jomil Garcia	Disaster Mgmt. Coordinator Disaster Mgmt. Officer Health & Social Services Officer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
Planning / PMER	Ikloi Rebelkuul Jaeleen Ozu Maireng Sengebau Nik Ngirailild Allyne Andrew	Info. Mgmt. Officer Volunteer Executive Director Deputy IC IC
Logistics	Ikloi Rebelkuul Dilmers Ngirutang Jaeleen Ozu Ibuuch Kumaichi Chance Ngirmidol Jomil Garcia	Logistics Officer Disaster Mgmt. Apprentice Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

Admin / Finance Support	Margie Ngirmidol Amy Andres Malikei Ngirmidol Annabel Montel Stanislaus Tellei Belbult Rubasch	Administrative Manager Deputy Accounting Officer Finance Apprentice Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer
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- Memorandum for EOC emailed to all PRCS Governing Boards (National, North Branch, Central Branch); IFRC Kaustubh Kukde and Soneel Ram; ICRC Koen van Kooten, Atunaisa Drivatiyawae, and Justin Naisua informed.
- Public Advisory and Special Weather Statement shared on whatsapp and messenger to PRCS members, volunteers, community Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (RDATs), and other interested groups.
- Community RDATs activated in 15 of the 16 States; All RDATs on alert.
 - Total RDATs activated 139; 77 M / 62 F
- PRCS Ops and Logs Teams on standby to procure water, granola bars/crackers to pre-position at Emergency Evacuation Shelters (EES) should TS Condition 3 be upgraded to Condition 2.
- Solar lamps included with the standard list of pre-positioned items for all EES; however, current inventory proves insufficient for all identified EES in all Palau 16 States. PRCS Logs to communicate with NEMO Logs Officer for possibility of additional solar lamps.
- PRCS received the 3rd NEMO Public Advisory (#23-85) on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at 12:20pm informing the public that Palau National Weather Service in consultation with the Guam Forecasting Office, has cancelled the Tropical Storm Watch for Palau. However, as a precautionary measure, the National Emergency Committee (NEC) **continues to place the Republic of Palau under Tropical Storm Condition of Readiness 3.**



Pic 1) EOC Activation – Team Briefing



Pic 2) Setting up pre-positioned items for EES

- Emergency Evacuation Shelters identified by NEMO; Koror State EES pending confirmation of priority shelters from Director Olegeriil, after consultation with Koror State Governor/Leadership.

Table 2: NEMO Listing of EES by State and Location, November 2023

STATE	SHELTER LOCATIONS
Kayangel	1. PJF Elementary School
Ngarchelong	1. Mengellakl Abai 2. Ngarchelong State Office 3. Ngebei Abai 4. Ngerbau Abai 5. Ollei Abai 6. Yebukel Abai
Ngaraard	1. Choll Abai 2. Elab Abai (near Bethania) 3. Ngebuked Abai 4. Ngaraard Elementary School
Ngiwal	1. Ngermechau Multipurpose 2. Ngiwal Emmaus Church 3. Ngiwal State Office
Melekeok	1. Melekeok Dispensary 2. Melekeok Elementary School 3. Ngerulmud
Ngchesar	1. Bai ra Oldiang 2. Ngchesar Emmaus Church 3. Ngchesar School Library 4. Ngchesar SDA Church 5. Ngerngesang Abai
Ngardmau	1. Ngardmau Community Shelter 2. Ngardmau Elementary School
Ngeremlengui	1. Ngeremlengui Elementary School 2. Ngeremlengui State Office
Ngatpang	1. Ngatpang State Office 2. Ibobang Elementary School Office 3. Modekngai High School
Aimeliik	1. Ngerkeai Community Center 2. Aimeliik Elementary School 3. Elechui Abai 4. Medorm Abai 5. Ngchemiangal Abai

Airai	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airai Elementary School 2. Airai State Office 3. Melengel Abai 4. Ngerusar Abai 5. Ngetkib Center
Koror	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catholic Church 2. Civic Center 3. Court House 4. Emmaus High School 5. Harris Elementary School 6. Koror Elementary School 7. Koror State Capitol Building 8. Maris Stella 1 9. Maris Stella 2 10. Meyuns Abai 11. Meyuns Elementary School 12. Mindszenty High School 13. MOE Building 14. Ngara Chamayong Cultural Center 15. Ngerbeched Abai 16. Ngerchemai Abai 17. Ngerkesoal Abai 18. Ngermid Abai 19. Palau Community College
Peleliu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peleliu State Office 2. Peleliu Elementary School 3. Peleliu Old Age Center
Angaur	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angaur Community Center/Shelter 2. Angaur Elementary School
Sonsorol – Dongosaro Sonsorol – Pulo Anna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elementary School 2. State Office 3. Elementary School 4. Typhoon Shelter
Hatohobei – Helen Reef Hatohobei – Tobi Island	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Office/Rangers Office 2. Elementary School 3. Community Center 4. State Office

NOTE from NEMO: Shelters in bold font are prioritized/primary designations.

Table 3: PRCS Logistics Unit, Stock Update – 14 November 2023

No.	Household Items to Pre-position	Item Code	Quantity currently held by PRCS	Target Quantity	Gap Between Current and Target Quantity
1	Shelter Tool Kits	KRELSHEK01	56	350	294
2	Tarpaulins	HSHETARPW406	492	700	208
3	Kitchen Sets	KRELCOOSETA	131	350	219
4	Buckets	HCONBUCKP14L	371	350	No gap
5	Blankets – cotton type	HSHEBLANCLT2	0	1750	1750
6	Jerry Cans	HCONJCANPF10	258	700	442
7	Hygiene Kit	KRELHYPA05P	105	350	245
8	Solar Lanterns		92	700	608

EOC EXPENSE DESCRIPTION (13-14 November 2023)		AMOUNT
1	Transportation – Fuel	\$99.84
2	EOC Meals and Refreshments including for NEOC	\$464.20
3	Communication – Airtime for Volunteers	\$20.00
TOTAL		\$584.04
PREPAREDNESS COST DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
1	Snacks to preposition at Emergency Evacuation Shelters (EES) x 16 States	\$4,000.00
2	Water to preposition at EES x 16 States	\$6,000.00
3	Office Supplies and other operational expenses (printing, fuel - POL)	\$7,000.00
4	Communications	\$3,000.00
TOTAL		\$20,000.00

RED CROSS RESPONSE NO. OF PERSONNEL ACTIVATED

- Executive Director and 15 support staff (4 seniors/4 juniors including Volunteers - 3/M, 4/F)

Key Links & Sources

- National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) email: nemo.coordinator@palaugov.org
- Palau National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/Palau>

Please contact the following numbers for further information:

- NEMO HOTLINE +(680) 587-6366 / 3625 / 3626
- NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE +(680) 587-1033 / 6287 / 6288



PRCS Operations Team contacting RDATs for alert and activation.