

# Communications Status Report for Areas Impacted by Super Typhoon Mawar May 25, 2023

The following is a report on the status of communications services in geographic areas impacted by Super Typhoon Mawar as of May 25, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. EDT. This report incorporates network outage data submitted by communications providers to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). Note that the operational status of communications services during an event may evolve rapidly, and this report represents a snapshot in time.

The FCC activated the DIRS with a modified reporting time of 10:00 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time / 8:00 a.m. (EDT), to coincide with Super Typhoon Mawar impacting the northern edge of Guam.

The following territories in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands are in the current geographic area that is part of DIRS (the "disaster area") for today's report.

### Guam

## **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:**

Rota, Saipan, Tinian

# Affected Islands





### 911 Services

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) learns the status of each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) through the filings of 911 Service Providers in DIRS, reporting to the FCC's Public Safety Support Center, coordination with state 911 Administrators, and, if necessary, direct contact with individual PSAPs.

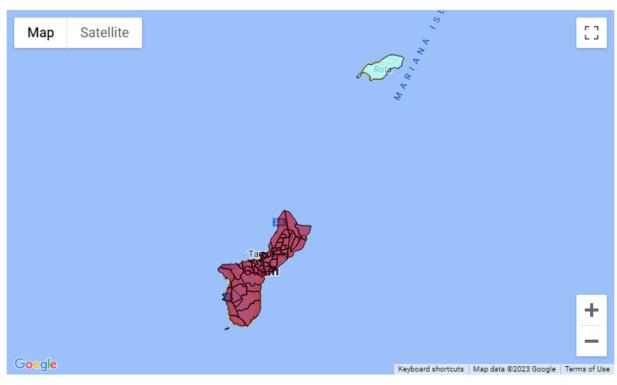
There have been no reports of PSAPs affected.

# **Wireless Services**

The following section describes the status of wireless communications services in the disaster area as reported in DIRS.

# **Cell Sites Down by Island**

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The following table provides cell sites out of service by island. 54.2% of the cell sites in the affected area are out of service. The information shown was provided by communications carriers providing services in Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



			Cell		Cell Sites Out	Cell Sites Out	Cell Sites	Cell Sites Up
	Affected	Cell Sites	Sites	Percent	Due to	Due to	Out Due to	but On Back-
State	Counties	Served	Out	Out	Damage	Transport	Power	up Power
GU	GUAM	319	195	61.1%	0	5	190	107
MP	SAIPAN	36	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
MP	TINIAN	3	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
MP	ROTA	5	2	40.0%	0	0	2	0
TOTAL		363	197	54.2%	0	5	192	107

The number of cell site outages in a specific area does not necessarily correspond to the availability of wireless service to consumers in that area. *See* Improving the Resiliency of Mobile Wireless Communications Networks, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 13745, para. 10 (2016) (recognizing the difficulties in accurately depicting the ongoing status of a wireless provider's service during emergencies). Wireless networks are often designed with numerous, overlapping cell sites that provide maximum capacity and continuity of service even when an individual site is inoperable. In addition, wireless providers may use temporary facilities, such as cells-on-wheels (also known as COWs), increase power at operational sites, initiate roaming agreements, or take other actions to maintain service to affected consumers during emergencies or other events that result in cell site outages.

# **Cable Systems and Wireline (Combined)**

There have been no cable or wireline reports.

### **Broadcast:**

### <u>Television stations status:</u>

• No TV stations reported as being out of service.

### FM Radio stations status:

No FM stations reported as being out of service.

# **AM Radio stations status:**

No AM stations reported as being out of service.

# Special Temporary Authority (STA)/Waivers/Extensions



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) may grant Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit immediate or temporary operation of certain radio facilities during emergencies or other urgent conditions, as well as waivers to support emergency communications and service restoration.