

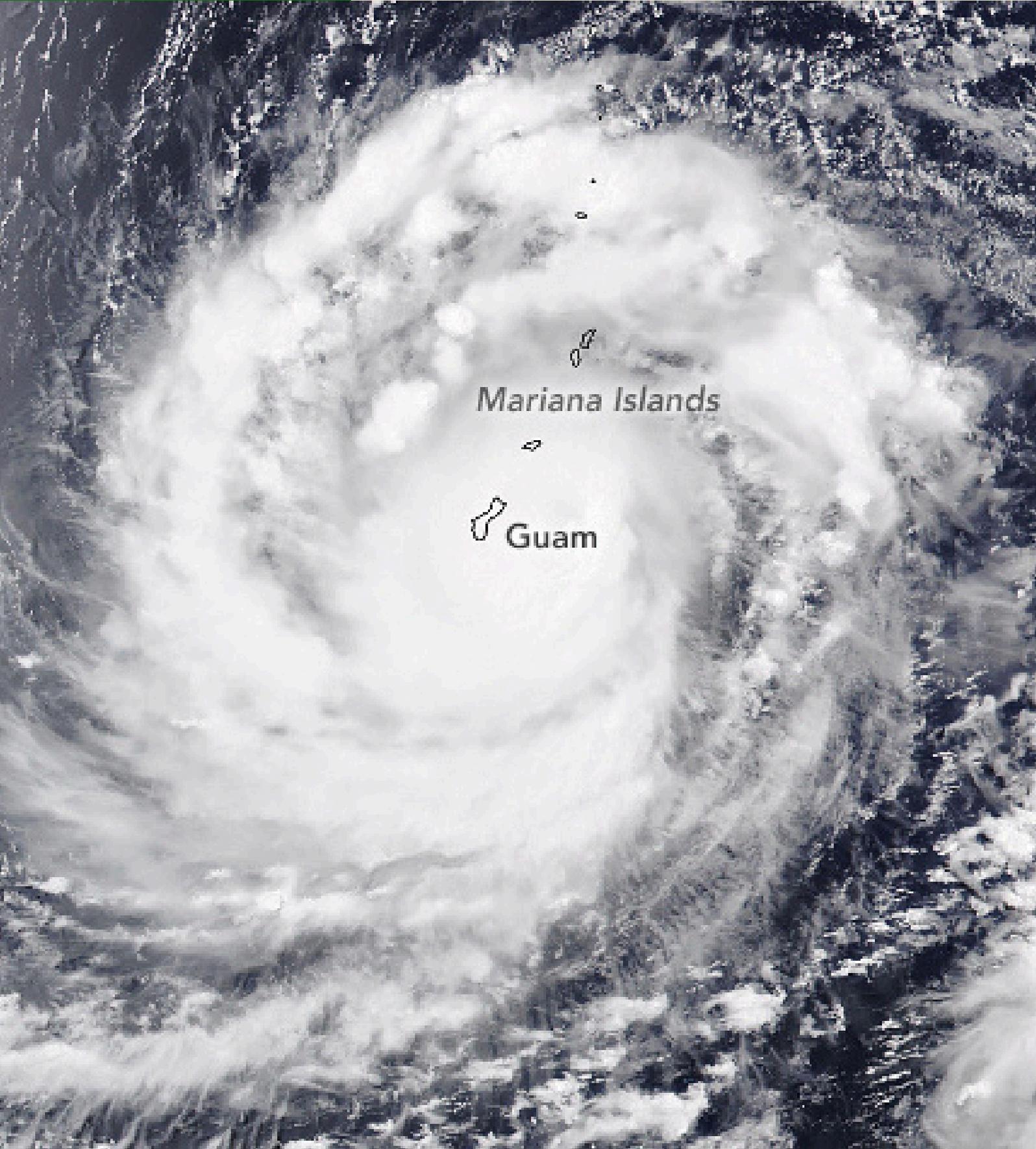


Micronesia  
Legal Services  
Corporation

GUAM OFFICE

# TYPHOON MAWAR

# REPORT



Mariana Islands

Guam

# OUR IMPACT AFTER TYPHOON MAWAR



## OUR HISTORY

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation first opened its doors in 1970 in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Our Guam office, MLSC's newest office, opened to the public in 2019.**

Typhoon Mawar in May 2023 was the first major disaster declared on Guam since 2001 - and our office pivoted to focus on providing services for disaster survivors.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote equal access to justice and to provide high quality civil legal assistance to low income people. MLSC improves the lives of the people of Micronesia by helping them solve important legal problems; and strengthens communities through advocacy.

## SINCE TYPHOON MAWAR WE'VE

**CLOSED**  
**331 CASES**  
RELATED TO TYPHOON MAWAR

**ASSISTING**  
**1,283**  
RESIDENTS OF GUAM



**DRAFTED**  
**295**

**FEMA APPEALS**  
RECEIVING AN ESTIMATED  
**\$2,655,000**  
IN FEMA ASSISTANCE

**DISCHARGED**  
**\$283,215.55**  
IN TYPHOON RELATED DEBT  
**CONDUCTED**  
**100+**  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND  
EDUCATION EVENTS

# OUR 2025 & 2026 PLANS



## 1

### Map Mawar related needs across the region through a fact finding trip with Emergency Legal Responders

The region of Micronesia is very closely connected to and reliant on Guam. When Guam experiences disasters, air travel and other important resources throughout the region become less accessible. We are visiting the region in September and October 2025, identifying the impacts Typhoon Mawar had on other jurisdictions, and develop MLSC-wide strategies to address the impacts that disasters on Guam cause throughout the region of Micronesia.

## 3

### Share lessons learned from Mawar with regional and other counterparts

Because Guam was largely without access to most resources, and because of how isolated the region of Micronesia is, we plan to develop and share the best practices we've learned on Guam, building from MLSC's successes and failures both on Guam and throughout the region.



## 2

### Connect with disaster resources on the U.S. mainland to enhance Guam's recovery efforts.

Within the U.S., there is significant disaster response infrastructure that Guam was not connected with before Typhoon Mawar. Because of our geographic isolation, many resources and networks were delayed or unavailable. MLSC Guam plans to foster relationships with entities and experts on the mainland so that Guam can benefit from their expertise, experience and resources.

## 4

### Create a coalition and resource bank for territories and the Pacific region in disasters

Because disasters in the Pacific affect us all, MLSC Guam is planning to help build a coalition of entities and resources for disaster preparation, response and recovery so that we can better work together to face future disasters in the Pacific and beyond. Although we are currently focusing on MLSC's service area throughout the Pacific ocean, we believe this has the potential to be useful beyond the region of Micronesia.

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