

Guam Chamber of Commerce Business Impact of Typhoon Mawar Member Survey



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Responses

If your company plans on pursuing any austerity measures due to the economic impacts resulting from Typhoon Mawar, what policies have you implemented, or plan to be implementing? (Check all that apply)

Reduce employee hours: 32

Lay off employees: 8

Reduce hours of operation: 34

We will not pursue austerity measures: 51

Is there a need for government assistance to help your company? If so, please advise what service you require to open your business at full capacity.

- May seek FEMA funds to repair the office
- Need access to fuel; need restoration of power ASAP; need restoration of water ASAP; Need trash pick up ASAP; need debris collection ASAP
- Yes, please help the telecom companies to restore services quicker. This should be an absolute priority

Is your company able to open for operations at this time?

YES: 51

YES (Limited Hours Only): 29

NO: 17

Has your business experience any adverse impact due to the Typhoon Mawar?

YES: 78

NO: 12

NOT SURE - STILL

ASSESSING: 6

Is there a need for volunteer assistance (happy labor volunteers) at your place of business?

YES: 6

NO: 90

What would you estimate the damages that your business has incurred?

(Some feedback)

- Approximately \$2 million dollars
- Loss sales off \$350K and \$10K of damaged goods
- Loss of revenue of about \$9,000 to date
- \$10,000 in water damages
- Structural damages, employees lost their homes, stresses related due to gas, power, water
- Limited water, fuel, power and generator; limiting our capacity; debris and obstructions limiting our services
- Spoiled items due to no generator
- Water flooding throughout the office; aircon knocked off building; ac with broken internal parts; roof, household goods and containers that held them were devastated
- Loss of communication due to no power and connectivity with clients

Describe the nature of damages sustained from Typhoon Mawar?

(Some feedback)

- Vehicle damage; equipment water damage; employee retention
- Lost business hours/productivity and banking issues. Many employees didn't get paid due to a bank glitch caused by the loss of utilities during the storm
- Damaged building, fleet, and loss of inventory
- Perishable goods; floor (floor and certain furnitures); air conditioning units blew off; water leakage in certain areas
- Loss of dry food items due to flood
- Building structure damage - retail inventory loss and equipment damage
- Burglarized, damaged clothing and extensive flooding
- Commercial dehydrator machines damaged, produce and meat loss, water damage, product loss and business loss