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Disturbance Remains a Possible Threat for the Marianas; Heavy Rainfall Expected Monday through Wednesday

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor Invest Area 97W, which continues to organize. As of this morning, 97W was centered about 250 miles west-southwest of Chuuk Lagoon, 200 miles south-southeast of Satawal, near 5 degrees north latitude and 149 degrees east longitude. It is expected to organize over the next 12 to 36 hours, eventually turning north-northwest toward Guam.

At this time, there is high confidence that a significant tropical cyclone will move through the Marianas in the coming week. It is uncertain the exact track it will take and what strength it will be by the time it is in the area. However, the likelihood for heavy rainfall remains regardless of the exact track.

Between Monday and Wednesday, 5 to 9 inches of rainfall is possible for the Mariana Islands, with locally higher rainfall amounts. Urban and small stream flooding is possible early next week as the system moves through the region.

The community is advised to take the following preparedness actions this weekend:

- **Those living in flood-prone areas should take action; clear drainage areas and unblock storm drains to minimize flooding;**
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items, such as tents and canopies, that may become airborne with heavy winds, before inclement weather arrives;
- Stay up to date with the latest information. The system track or intensity may change, and advisories may be issued;
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household;
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents, and keep copies in a water-proof bag;
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators;
- Be prepared to take action if shutters are warranted.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
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