



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

www.gdoe.net

501 Mariner Avenue

Barrigada, Guam 96913

Telephone: (671) 300-1677|Fax:(671)472-5001

Tes Reyes-Burrier, Email: mtreyes@gdoe.net



K. ERIK SWANSON, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Education

2023-PIO-0075

**December 14, 2023
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Guam Department of Education Food Commodity Distribution

Tiyan, Guam – The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), a State Agency under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Nutrition Service (FNS), is distributing food commodities to the villages through their mayors. The food commodities distribution began on Monday, December 11, 2023, and will continue until January 2024. The mayors of each village can collect the food commodities from the GDOE, Guam State Warehouse of the Child Nutrition & Food Distribution Programs, located at 162 N. Marine Corps Drive, Piti.

The Guam Department of Education State Agency for Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Programs is responsible for providing food to the public and various local entities that serve or distribute food to people in need. These entities include food banks, soup kitchens and food pantries, as well as local village mayors and community action agencies that help low-income households access food.

“No family should go hungry this holiday season, especially when there are food resources like TEFAP available now through January 2024. If you are one of the thousands of people eligible families, please take advantage of this ongoing distribution and visit your village mayor’s office” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

The recipient's organization must process and confirm the receipt of the food commodities. The current model of distribution is:

- The items are packed by caseload for each village or organization. The mayors of each village pick up the food commodities according to the schedule (see attachment).
- The organization transports the items to their storage area, usually the community center (for villages).
- The food commodities can be mixed with other donations from other assistance organizations.
- Each village has a different method of distributing the commodities to their residents: Drive thru, walk up, or home deliveries. Recipients to call their respective village mayor.

Superintendent K. Erik Swanson says, *“Our food network project is a collaboration between different agencies that leverages all the available food resources. Our goal is to enhance the speed, quality and resilience of our food network in Guam by coordinating with village mayors, nonprofits/shelters to provide food access and self-reliance for everyone. This will also help us monitor and improve the food situation in our island communities and save money. We want to help people who need assistance and offer them opportunities to improve their lives. We will keep working with our partners to strengthen our island’s food security system.”*

For further inquiries, please contact your respective village mayor or contact (671) 300-1258, email at cnp-state@gdoe.net. You may also email Tes Reyes-Burrier, Public Information Officer at mtreyes@gdoe.net



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

www.gdoe.net

501 Mariner Avenue

Barrigada, Guam 96913

Telephone: (671) 300-1677|Fax:(671)472-5001

Tes Reyes-Burrier, Email: mtreyes@gdoe.net



K. ERIK SWANSON, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Education

2023-PIO-0076 (cont.)

Please find the Food Commodity pick up schedule for December 2023. This schedule is intended for the mayor of each village only.

	MAYOR	PICK UP DAY	PICK UP DATE	PICK UP TIME
1	Agana Heights	Monday	12/11/23	9:00 am
2	Sinajana	Monday	12/11/23	8:00 am
3	Talofof	Monday	12/11/23	1:00 pm
4	Dededo	Tuesday	12/12/23	TBA
5	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon	Tuesday	12/12/23	8:00 am
6	Catholic Social Services (CSS)	Tuesday	12/12/23	9:00 am
7	Yona	Wednesday	12/13/23	9:30 am
8	Inalahan	Thursday	12/14/23	7:00 am
9	Melesso	Friday	12/15/23	9:00 am
10	Barrigada	Monday	12/18/23	8:00 am
11	Humatak	Monday	12/18/23	9:00 am
12	Mangilao	Monday	12/18/23	3:00 pm
13	Adult DayCare	Monday	12/18/23	9:00 am
14	Piti	Tuesday	12/19/23	8:30 am
15	Mongmong-Toto-Maite	Wednesday	12/20/23	9:00 am
16	Chalan Pago, Ordot	Tuesday	12/26/23	8:00 am
17	Yigo	Wed- Fri	12/13-12-15/23	TBA
18	Asan-Maina	TBA	TBA	TBA
19	Hagat	Tuesday	12/14/23	9:30 am
20	Hagatna	TBA	TBA	TBA
21	Santa Rita	TBA	TBA	TBA

- END OF STATEMENT -