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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the Northern Marianas Islands' request to extend the Voluntary Agencies Leading and Organizing Repair (VALOR) program until April 2020, where it continues to provide emergency home repairs for owners, renters and occupants whose primary residences were damaged by Typhoon Yutu.

To date, FEMA has brought more than 170 volunteers from 25 U.S. states and Canada to conduct repairs on Yutu-damaged homes. And recently, the VALOR program partnered with the mayor's office and the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts (CARE) to host local volunteer repair events on both Saipan and Tinian for those who did not receive other financial assistance for home repairs through FEMA or the U.S. Small Business Administration. "The opportunity to work on a team motivated to help survivors with home repairs really got me excited for the project, and it's definitely something I would do again," said Chris, a CARE volunteer.

The CNMI-VALOR home repair program plans to continue its partnership with CARE and the mayor's office, along with the support of the Office of the Governor, to assist in more community initiatives with volunteers working on repair projects.

Be a part of the recovery by participating in future events. For more information on CNMI- VALOR, e-mail CNMI-VALOR@fema.dhs.gov.

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