Supporting Guam's COVID-19 Dislocated Workers

Project Summary (Need)
The Guam Department of Labor has identified several critical areas which will need workers to assist first-line responders. These areas are in need of assistance in processing travelers in airports, distributing free school lunches to students, distributing meals to senior citizens, performing intake processing of all COVID-19 tests, screening all phone calls and providing needed information to the public, and assisting with the issuance and processing of applications that allow for individuals to receive federal aid. Humanitarian assistance employs workers as customer service representatives, community program aides, public health and social services aides. Maintenance workers are also needed for clean-up activities.

Disaster Relief Employment
The proposed DWG will allow disaster-relief employment of eligible individuals to fill humanitarian position such as assisting first line responders at quarantine sites and airports, serving meals to school children and senior citizens, as well as clean-up positions to sanitize schools, senior centers, and quarantine sites.

Eligible Participants
Workers laid off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.