

HURRICANE MELISSA HAITI AND JAMAICA

SITUATION REPORT No. 4

AS OF 5:00PM AST on 30th OCTOBER 2025

All Hurricane Watches and Warnings have been discontinued for CDEMA Participating States, as Assessments and Responses are in progress.

Latest Update:

- **No Hurricane or Tropical Storm watches or warnings** are currently in effect for Participating States.
- **Relief and early recovery operations have commenced** in Jamaica and Haiti.
- **Humanitarian supplies and emergency assistance are being delivered** through national, regional and international partners.
- **Damage assessments are ongoing** to determine the full extent of impact across affected communities.

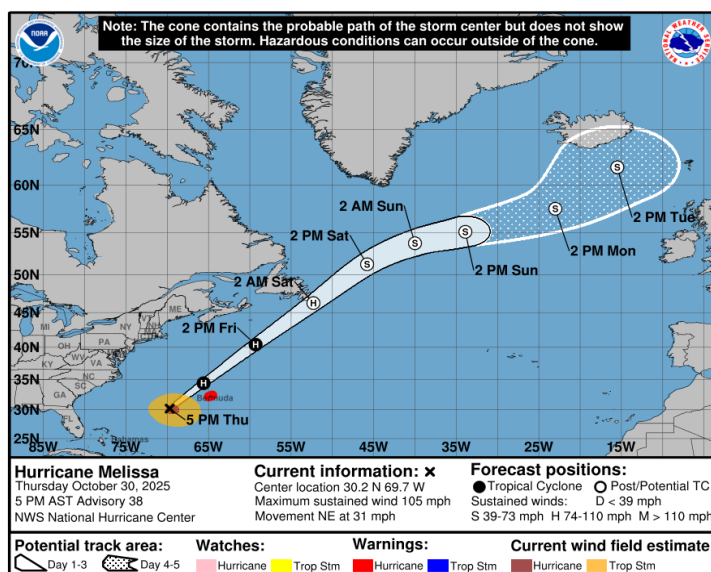


Figure 1: NHC's Warning Cone Static Image

Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/at 5:00 PM 20251030>

SITUATION

Hurricane Melissa has begun to move away from the Caribbean region, allowing weather conditions to gradually improve across several territories. All hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings have been discontinued for The Bahamas, Jamaica, the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), Haiti, and the Cayman Islands. Relief operations have begun across the affected islands. However, lingering heavy rainfall in the affected States could impact the ability to support relief and recovery operations.

Emergency management agencies and humanitarian partners are conducting rapid assessments to determine the extent of the damage and identify priority needs. Emergency shelter, food assistance, and clean water distribution have been initiated in the most severely affected areas. Hurricane Melissa formed on October 25, 2025, initially affecting Haiti and rapidly intensified into a Category 5 storm on October 27, affecting Jamaica on October 28 resulting in catastrophic flooding, landslides and infrastructural damage in the central and western parishes.

Caribbean Institute For Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) Analysis

Disclaimer: The CIMH provides special weather interpretation of the current and forecasted tropical weather affecting the Caribbean region. CIMH is not an official forecasting agency.

Hurricane Melissa is moving away from the region with forecasts suggesting that some lingering showers can be expected during the next 24 to 48 hours across Jamaica, Haiti, Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas. Melissa remains over marginally warm sea-surface temperatures, but these are expected to rapidly decrease tonight while wind shear rapidly increases.

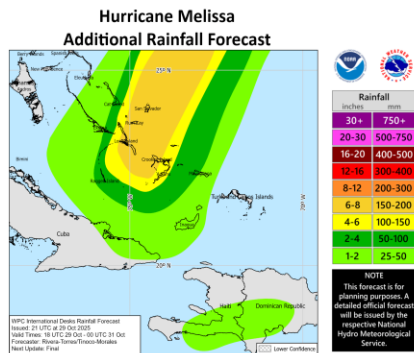


Figure 2: Additional Rainfall Forecast
(Source: CIMH Briefing at 3:00 PM 20251030)

WIND: Tropical storm conditions began to affect Bermuda later this afternoon, with hurricane conditions expected there tonight.

SURF: Swells generated by Hurricane Melissa will continue to affect portions of the Bahamas, and the Turks and Caicos Islands during the next couple of days. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions.

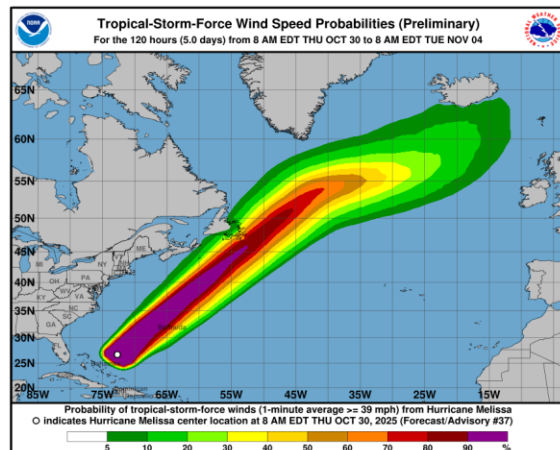


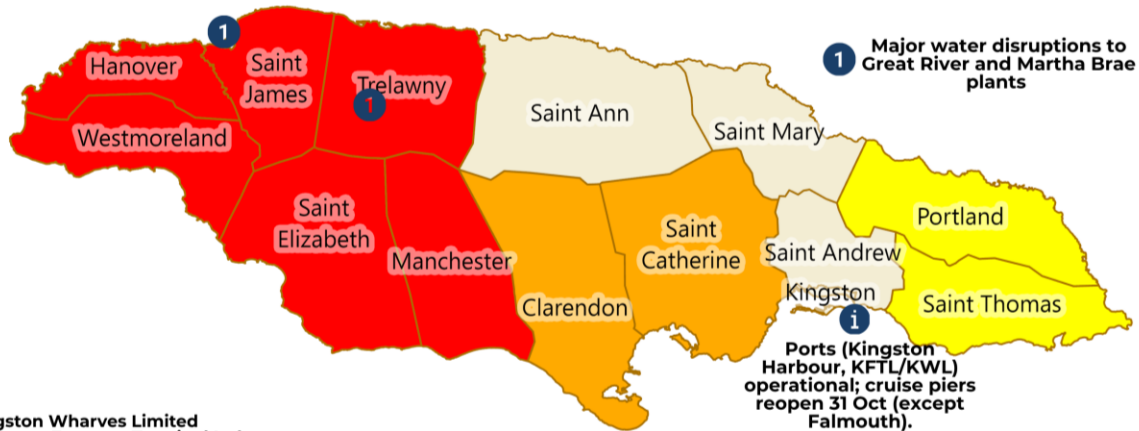
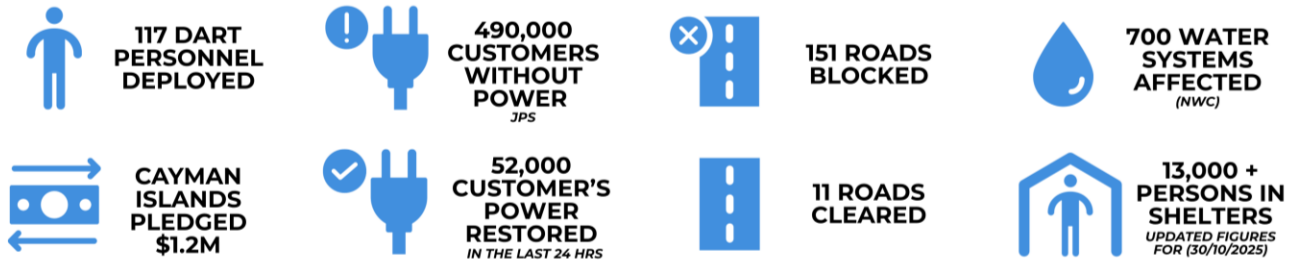
Figure 3: Wind Speed Probabilities
(Source: <https://www.noaa.gov/at> 8:00 AM 20251030)

Impact Summary

Report from the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in Jamaica

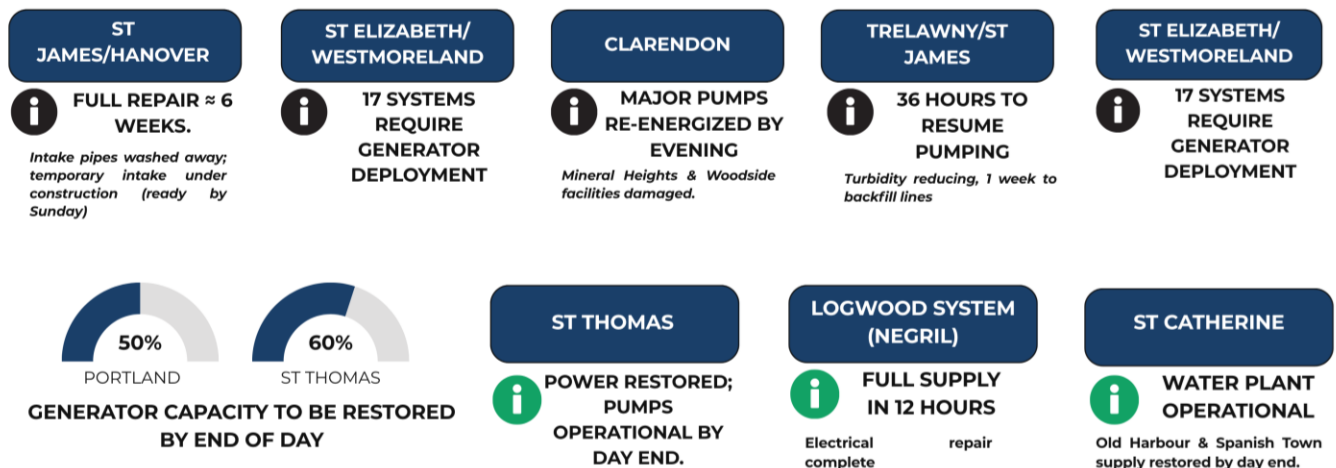
➤ A press briefing was held today, Thursday, October 30, at 10:30 a.m. AST and emerging updates can be found in the below figures.

OVERVIEW INFORMATION - LAST UPDATED 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS



KWL - Kingston Wharves Limited
KFTL - Kingston Freeport Terminal Ltd

WATER SYSTEMS RESTORATION- LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS



Updates from the Impacted Participating States



JAMAICA (Continued)

ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE - LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS

Immediate inspection of Palisadoes Road ensured airport reopening.

Live power lines blocking roads; clearance requires JPS authorization.

Equipment deployed nationwide; major contractors (China Harbour, SRC etc.) supporting operations.

Critical sites: North Coast Highway (silting & beached boat), Sandy Gully Bridge, Maypen & Yallahs Bridges.

Hillside instability under geotechnical review; safety of operators prioritised.

Collaboration with NWC and telecoms to clear corridors to cell towers and pipelines.

Assessments underway for bridges, gullies, revetments, and traffic signals.

TELECOMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT - LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS



35% OF MOBILE SITES OPERATIONAL

Urban Coverage Higher

Kingston 65%

St Thomas 75%

St Andrew 63%



Airports

- All three international airports open for relief supplies
- Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) resumed commercial flights **30 Oct**
- Ian Fleming handling relief and limited passenger operations
- Montego Bay relief flights today with partial commercial re-start expected **31 Oct**



Ports

- KFTL & KWL discharging cargo since 07:00 (storage fees waived to 2 Nov)
- Cruise piers (Ocho Rios, Port Royal, Port Antonio) reopen 31 Oct; Falmouth under repair.



Bus Stations

- 175 buses operating in Kingston /Spanish Town/Portmore
- Negril Express suspended
- Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) mobilizing for relief transport those affected

CYBERSECURITY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION - LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS



28 FRAUDULENT WEBSITES

Detected attempting to divert disaster relief funds



- Official Government donation portal: <https://supportjamaica.gov.jm>
- Public advised to verify ".gov.jm" domain and avoid ".com/.net/.org" sites
- Reports to: jamaica.cert@opm.gov.jm

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES - LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 10:00 HRS



MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

KINGSTON AND ST ANDREW SCHOOLS TO OPEN WHERE SAFE



- Emergency plan in development for students from worst-hit parishes (**Westmoreland, Hanover, St Elizabeth, St James**).
- Guidance to schools and dormitories: no student should be sent home to unsafe areas.

Updates from the Threatened Participating States



HAITI

Report from the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC)

- No new official updates have been received from the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC) for this reporting period.
- CDEMA continues to monitor the situation and maintain communication with the DGPC and partner agencies to track ongoing humanitarian needs.



THE BAHAMAS

Report from the Disaster Risk Management Authority

- As of 6:00 a.m. AST on October 30, the Government of The Bahamas reported that all warnings were discontinued for the Central and Southwestern islands; however, the official "All Clear" remains pending.
- Hurricane Melissa passed over The Bahamas as a Category 1 system, bringing 5–10 inches of rainfall in some areas and storm surges of 4–7 feet.
- Approximately 1,400 persons were evacuated to Nassau, while 100 individuals sought refuge across three shelters. Evacuation orders permitted residents to shelter with family members outside designated evacuation zones.
- Damage assessments are ongoing, and authorities anticipate that evacuees will begin returning home by Friday.



TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Report from the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies (DDME)

- The Tropical Storm Warning has been discontinued for the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI).
- Hurricane Melissa brought minor impacts late Wednesday 29th into early Thursday 30th October 2025.
- There were no reports of damage to critical infrastructure post-impact.
- There were reports of very minor flooding or pooling along roads in a few areas in Providenciales. The National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) and all Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) as well as Shelters have been deactivated.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on October 30th, 2025



COORDINATION

- The full Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) is on standby to deploy 31 October, based on the Government of Jamaica's request.
- A standby response team is also in place for The Bahamas, should support be requested.
- 24 linesmen with equipment from the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) are prepared for deployment 31 October.
- The CARICOM Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) will be deployed 31 October.
- Ministers of Health from CARICOM Member States will meet tomorrow (October 31) to discuss coordination with health stakeholders.
- Multiple meetings are being held with partners and stakeholders.



MNCCC

- There are no further updates at this time. The team remains ready to provide support as required.



EARLY RECOVERY

- UNDP Jamaica reached out to the UN Crisis Bureau and is working on mobilizing crisis support.
- A definitive request has been submitted to the Crisis Bureau, and a surge recovery advisor has been deployed to Jamaica.
- Surge personnel are being considered to support the tourism, housing, and trade sectors, with assistance also focused on debris removal.



SHELTER

- The Shelter Technical Working Group met today, October 30th, 2025.
- Four partners are on the ground and mobilizing: the Red Cross (incl. French Red Cross), Global Empowerment Mission (GEM), CARE International and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are coordinating shelter relief supplies including tarpaulins, blankets, hygiene and cleaning items, kitchen sets, solar lamps, mosquito nets, jerry cans and shelter kits.
- Agencies including Shelterbox, Global Emergency Relief, Recovery & Reconstruction (GER3), CARE International, and ITNAK from Trinidad and Tobago are also mobilizing teams.
- The UNHCR continues to monitor from Washington.
- The IOM's Shelter Coordination lead is enroute to Jamaica to continue support to the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination through the Ministry of Labour and Social Security for coordination.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on October 30th, 2025



EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- Presently disaster connectivity labs are up and running.
- Cellular coverage has decreased by approximately 50%, with a slight reduction noted on October 29.
- St. Elizabeth Parish remains the worst affected, with approximately 80% traffic lost.
- Emergency telecommunications TWG partners will be on the ground establishing Wi-Fi hotspots for affected populations and humanitarian groups to support information sharing and coordination.



HEALTH

- CARPHA has coordinated health supplies for Jamaica.
- A rapid response team and additional staff are to be deployed as part of the response to Jamaica.
- A request has been received from the Ministry of Health for a mobile laboratory to provide medical support.
- Distress reports were received from Black River, where patients are being evacuated.
- Coordination continues with CARICOM Health Ministers to provide ongoing support.



PRIVATE SECTOR

- The Private Sector Thematic Group met this morning 31 October, and CPSO also held a meeting with regional business support organizations and representatives.
- Chambers and associations across the region are receiving pledges based on identified needs lists; some pledges have already been received from member organizations, while additional pledges are pending.
- In Barbados, the private sector has secured warehousing space for collecting and consolidating relief items and is coordinating logistics to ship supplies to Jamaica via CDEMA.
- Support is being provided through CDEMA mechanisms to maximize logistical efficiency and avoid duplication.
- The Joint Chambers Association in Trinidad and Tobago has created a consolidated account to send funds to Jamaica.
- Private sector agencies in other countries are coordinating nationally and maintaining contact with National Disaster Offices to ensure continued support.

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PROTECTION

- UNICEF is working with the Child Protection and Family Services agency to assess impacts in Jamaica.
- All children in foster care have been accounted for and are safe.
- The Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation's adolescent and mother-care facilities have sustained structural damage and loss of connectivity at centers in St. Elizabeth, Clarendon, St. James, Westmoreland, and Manchester.
- The Juvenile correctional facilities are secure and operational with power restored.
- The Government has identified an immediate need for food items and generators to maintain support and protection services.
- UN Women continues to work with UNICEF and other partners and is collaborating with the Children First Agency on community outreach, psychosocial support, and GBV awareness.
- UNFPA, through its Panama Hub, has commissioned the assembly of 1,000 dignity kits, which will be available within days.
- The GDP Surge capacity is activated and available for deployment.
- Three civil society entities, CARE, the Caribbean Gender Alliance, and UNDP/FAO under the Equality Fund and Global Support Development partnership are also providing support.
- A coordination meeting was held yesterday, and subgroups will meet again tomorrow for a comprehensive protection sector meeting, to consolidate subgroup reports.



RELIEF & LOGISTICS

- Focus remains on strengthening supply chain networks.
- Teams are on the ground and working with partners to identify needs and emergency staging areas are being established in Jamaica at the main ports, with network being built out for incoming support.
- The first Seabridge movement from the logistics hub in Barbados has been initiated.
- The European Union has provided (14) 20-inch containers for Dutch partners to operate out of the Bridgetown Port.
- Coordination is ongoing with partners, Airlink, EU ECHO and private sector, to align air and sea logistics.
- Priority continues to be given to medical supplies and generators.
- The Logistics Thematic Working Group remains active, and partners are encouraged to submit information via the Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group link.
- Link: <https://logcluster.org/en/relief-and-logistics-thematic-working-group-rltwg>

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WASH

- Daily coordination meetings continue between UNICEF, CWWA, and partners.
- UNICEF WASH personnel are mobilizing to Jamaica and hosted a national in-country coordination meeting.
- A real-time tracking system has been activated under the WASH country focal point.
- The initial response capacity includes five personnel for RNAT assessment, with deployment scheduled for tomorrow from Trinidad.
- Mass water storage units, including a solar-powered reverse osmosis plant with the capacity to produce 60 cubic meters of water per day, are being provided through the Dutch Government and PAHO in response to a request from the Jamaica Defence Force.
- OceanX and the Dutch Government will supply an operator and generator to power the desalination plant, in coordination with the Ministry of Health to ensure proper water quality treatment systems.
- Water Mission is sending five portable water treatment systems, three of which have already been mobilized and are enroute to Jamaica.
- Relief items from PAHO, UNICEF, and Florida are also being mobilized through ODPEM, including water treatment kits, hygiene kits and sanitizing tablets.
- The Global Support Development has sent a vessel to The Bahamas to provide technical support for water treatment, following a request for assistance.
- The Quick team is liaising with Jamaica and awaiting impact assessments to determine if additional support is needed for repairs and resources. They are also in communication with The Bahamas, where initial assessments indicate no major impacts.

Regional Support Efforts by Participating States

CDEMA Participating States have mobilised coordinated national and regional mechanisms to support relief and recovery efforts for countries affected following the passage of Hurricane Melissa.

These collective actions demonstrate the solidarity and shared commitment of CDEMA's 20 Participating States to stand with Jamaica and other impacted Participating States in its recovery.

Pledges made by CDEMA Participating States as of 5:00 p.m. October 30th, 2025

Country	Donation/Pledge	Destination
<i>Cayman Islands</i>	Mattresses, generators, tarps, fuel cans, first aid kits; Medical supplies and consumables; MRE'S, Monetary Contribution (1.2m USD)	Jamaica
<i>Guyana</i>	Tarpaulins, chainsaws, generators	Jamaica
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Relief supplies and financial aid	Jamaica

Updates from the CDEMA Coordinating Unit as of 5:00 p.m. on October 30th, 2025



Relief items from the Regional Caribbean Logistics Hub prepared for shipment

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (**CDEMA**), in collaboration with the World Food Programme (**WFP**) and international development partners, on Wednesday, October 29th, mobilized and dispatched relief supplies from the Regional Caribbean Logistics Hub to support Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

A coordinated regional operation was carried out at the Bridgetown Port, where the French military vessel *Le Dumont D'Urville* was loaded with humanitarian aid bound for Jamaica. This joint effort brought together partners including the French Armed Forces, European Union, Government of Canada, United Kingdom's Armed Forces, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under CDEMA's Regional Response Mechanism (RRM).

The shipment contained essential emergency supplies to reinforce national relief operations led by Jamaica's Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM).

Summary

- Thanks are extended to all RRM partners for their continued support to regional preparedness, as well as the transition to response and recovery.
- CDEMA and RRM partners remain engaged in relief and recovery operations with the affected Participating States and will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Links to Previous Information Notes and Situation Reports

[Hurricane Melissa Information Note #1](#)

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[Hurricane Melissa Information Note #2](#)

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[Hurricane Melissa Information Note #3](#)

[Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #3](#)

[Hurricane Melissa Information Note #4](#)

[Hurricane Melissa Information Note #5](#)

Links to Needs Lists and Other Information:

[Hurricane Melissa Documents](#)

[Jamaica's Procedures for the Processing of Disaster Relief](#)

[Jamaica's Preliminary Needs List](#)

[Haiti's Preliminary Needs List](#)