

HURRICANE MELISSA

SITUATION REPORT No. 6

AS OF 5:00PM AST on NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025

A high-level delegation from regional agencies led by CDEMA has arrived in Jamaica to support relief operations

LATEST UPDATES:

- A high-level team led by Ms. Elizabeth Riley, CDEMA's Executive Director, Mr. Daniel Best, President of the Caribbean Development Bank, Ms. Lisa Indar, Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency, and Dr. David Farrell, Principal of the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, are accompanying the Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) in Jamaica.
- The RNAT began assessments earlier today in the impacted areas to further guide response and early recovery actions by the Government of Jamaica.



*Members of the high-level team (left to right)
Mr. Daniel Best, Ms. Lisa Indar, Ms. Elizabeth Riley & Dr. David Farrell*

SITUATION

Relief and recovery operations are ongoing across Jamaica as the Government continues to lead national response efforts in providing support to affected communities. The Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) continues to facilitate the arrival of both commercial and humanitarian flights delivering relief supplies. The Government has deployed helicopters to transport medical personnel and deliver substantial quantities of relief items to isolated communities.

Significant progress has also been made in clearing major roadways, restoring access to cut-off areas, and coordinating the delivery of food, water, and care packages to impacted households and patients at the Black River Hospital, located in St. Elizabeth, one of the most impacted parishes. Utility restoration efforts are advancing steadily with up to 60 percent of services restored in the most affected parishes, including St. Elizabeth, Hanover, Manchester and Westmoreland.

A CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), which arrived in Jamaica yesterday, October 31st begun field assessments today, November 1st, to inform the response and early recovery efforts of the Government of Jamaica. The team began assessments in the areas of agriculture, coastal and marine environment, education, emergency shelter, fisheries, health, housing and infrastructure, social protection, tourism, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Updates from Impacted Participating States



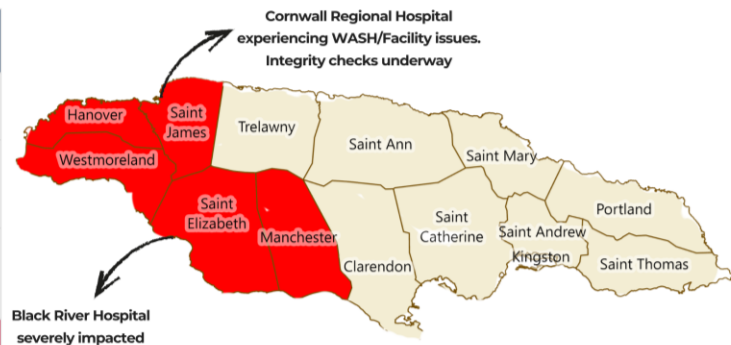
JAMAICA

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

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains fully activated at Level 3 with support from the Jamaica Defence Force in the areas of Information Management (IM), Logistics and Relief.
- Assessments and relief efforts continue.
- Further updates will be included in upcoming situation reports.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS JAMAICA (MOHW) PRESS BRIEFING - LAST UPDATED 01/11/2025 16:00 HRS

Key Information	
Health System Status	Significant infrastructure damage; services disrupted; emergency restoration ongoing.
Key Affected Facilities	Black River Hospital heavily impacted, emergency evacuations completed; Cornwall Regional Hospital facing sanitation concerns.
Operational Focus	Restoring health services, deploying emergency medical teams, clearing access roads, and restoring communications.
Risk Level	HIGH — Public health threat due to lack of water/sanitation, trauma cases, mental health needs, and disease risk (leptospirosis).
Facility / Area Impacts	
Multiple Health Centres	Roof damage; water system failure; debris; public health system resilience strained.
Community Infrastructure	Road blockages; communication disruption; affecting access to care and staff movement.
People Impacted	
Patients	Evacuations; trauma and injury cases increasing.
Healthcare Workers	Personal losses; fatigue; mental health burden.
Vulnerable Groups	Elderly in shelters; rural isolated communities walking long distances.



- **St. Elizabeth (Black River)** — described as “ground zero”; severe wind & infrastructure damage
- **Other impacted communities:** St. James, Westmoreland, Manchester, Hanover
- **Several health centres with reported damages**
- **Core emergency and routine care functions ongoing with improvised support**
- **Staff heavily impacted; examples of extreme effort and improvised operations (outdoor cooking, roof emergency work, patient evacuations)**

Response & Medical Support

Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs)	Global EMT network activated; pre-approved teams mobilizing.
Foreign Field Hospitals	Samaritan's Purse advance team already in Black River; full unit arriving shortly. Spain: field hospital cargo arriving this week. Kenya: EMT expected following Spanish deployment.
Local Military Support	Jamaica Defence Force conducting airlifts, logistics and staging
International Logistics	PAHO strategic reserve: 5 tons supplies en route from Panama. Netherlands Navy support for medical shipments. WHO emergency hub (Dubai) on standby.
Mobile Medical Support	Plans to deploy primary-care EMTs & community-based health posts.

Updates from Impacted Participating States



JAMAICA (Continued)

Coordination & Cluster Activation		
	Cluster Leadership	MOHW + WHO/PAHO co-leading Health Cluster.
	Volunteer Management	Centralised credentialing system; vetting for medical practitioner volunteers.
	Local + International Integration	Community communication hubs planned in affected parishes.
Priority Needs & Protection		
	Mental Health	Surge support coming; on-ground psychosocial response in affected parishes.
	Incoming Expert Team	Arriving Monday; expanding hotline & community-based support.
	Staff Welfare	MOHW staff relief & controlled volunteer support underway.
	Food Safety	Surveillance for Leptospirosis; public hygiene warnings issued.
Ongoing Relief Actions		
	Hospital Cleanup	MOHW "Solidarity Clean-Up" start with staff only (controlled for safety).
	Power / Access Restoration	National Works Authority (NWA) clearing priority routes; JDF air support for isolated communities.
	Community Outreach	Parish-level contact systems being set up due to poor communications.
Relief & Supplies		
	Emergency Supplies	Medical, WASH, tarps, essential equipment.
	Food & Household Supplies	Led by Ministry of Labour & Local Government; scarcity due to logistics, not supply.
	Blood Supplies	Public donation encouraged.
Overall Situation		
	Operational Status	Partial disruption, stabilizing.
	Health System Capacity	Strained, but functional with surge support incoming.
	International Aid	Significant commitments mobilized.



HAITI

Report from the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC)

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) remains fully activated since October 25th .
- Assessments and relief efforts continue constrained by damaged or impassable roads and bridges.
- Further updates will be included in upcoming situation reports.
- Priority needs include tarpaulins, hot meals, food kits, hygiene kits, water treatment supplies, roofing materials, medical assistance, mattresses, blankets, clothing, jerry cans, school materials, Aquatabs, and fuel.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on November 1st, 2025



COORDINATION



1 RNAT
TEAM
DEPLOYED



3
ADDITIONAL
SPECIALISTS
TO JOIN
RNAT
November 2nd, 2025



3 CETT
MEMBERS
WILL BE
DEPLOYED
November 2nd, 2025



1 COST
MEMBER
WILL BE
DEPLOYED
November 3rd, 2025



5
ADDITIONAL
OCHA
PERSONNEL
DEPLOYED
5 Personnel on ground
currently

- OCHA is facilitating information exchange through a [“Useful Links” webpage](#) containing key response documents, situation updates and contact details. Partners are encouraged to access and share this page to strengthen coordination.
- An additional five OCHA personnel are expected to arrive between Sunday (November 2nd) and Wednesday (November 5th), complementing the three staff members currently in-country supporting ODPEM, CDEMA, and the broader international response.



MNCCC

- No additional updates.



EARLY RECOVERY

- UNDP, CDEMA, and the CARICOM Development Fund met to discuss early recovery priorities, specifically a potential debris management project.



SHELTER

- Various partners, including the IOM, Red Cross and other organisations are active on the ground and personnel are enroute to Jamaica.
- Further updates will be provided following the group's convening or upon receipt of additional information from members.

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EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) Coordinator arrived in Barbados on October 31st and is preparing for deployment to Jamaica as soon as possible.
- Engagements are ongoing with multiple NGOs and private sector actors who are now present on the ground, allowing for mapping of incoming support and avoiding overlaps.
- Four standby partners (2 from Ericsson and 2 from Cisco) are scheduled to be deployed to Jamaica and will be taking equipment including backhaul solutions, Wi-Fi distribution systems, and solar power units.
- The World Food Programme (WFP)'s Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST) personnel are expected to arrive in Jamaica on November 3rd to support with technical assessments.
- CDEMA set up a Starlink at the Police Department in Black River on November 1st.
- WFP provided a Starlink kit to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) in Santa Cruz to enhance connectivity in the field.



HEALTH

- The Health Thematic Working Group met at 3:00 p.m. on November 1st and further updates will be provided in the next CDEMA Situational Report.



PRIVATE SECTOR

- The private sector from Guyana has a container scheduled to leave on Tuesday November 4th, with another planned for November 13th carrying construction materials.
- OCHA continues to hold meetings, and under the Connecting Business Initiative (CBI), various partners have been contacted. Meetings are being held to understand their capacities.



PROTECTION

- No new updates at this time. The team is actively organizing and coordinating ongoing activities.

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RELIEF & LOGISTICS



34 METRIC TONNES OF FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
Enough to support approximately 15,000 people for seven days



2 VESSELS CARRYING ≈ 100 TONNES OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND OTHER ITEMS EN ROUTE



1 MOBILE STORAGE UNIT INSTALLED IN SANTA CRUZ

The World Food Programme (WFP) with the support of Airlink and Grantley Adams International Airport, facilitated the first humanitarian airlift from Barbados to Jamaica on November 1st, 2025.

Maritime operations are underway, the first vessel (Dumont d'Urville), carrying nearly 50 metric tonnes of relief supplies including hygiene kits, WASH items, tarpaulins, and shelter repair kits, is expected to arrive in Jamaica on November 03rd.

A second vessel (Pelikaan), carrying around 50 metric tonnes of food and non-food items such as food kits, blankets, mosquito nets, and shelter toolkits, is scheduled to arrive on November 4th.

Another mobile storage unit is being installed today in Kingston.

In Montego Bay, WFP is coordinating with the DHL team to assess storage requirements, with one Mobile Storage Unit already prepositioned at the airport.

- The CDEMA–WFP Control Tower Dashboard will be shared daily with the Government of Jamaica and made available to partners through the Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group website and by email.
- [The Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group](#) will meet on Monday (November 3rd) to continue coordination with partners on logistics resources and ongoing activities.
- Logistics teams have been deployed in Santa Cruz and Kingston.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) is preparing to ship 8 mobile storage units and 5,000 food kits to Jamaica this weekend.



WASH

- The UNICEF Caribbean WASH Lead arrived in Jamaica to coordinate island-wide WASH response.
- WASH focal point and supplies are already present in Jamaica, and other members are enroute.

UPDATES FROM PARTNERS SITUATIONAL REPORTS

OCHA SITUATIONAL REPORT UPDATES - LAST UPDATED 31/10/2025 16:00 HRS



≈ 445,000
WOMEN
AND GIRLS
DIRECTLY
AFFECTED



6 TONS OF WASH
SUPPLIES AND
WATER TRUCKING
Distributed by UNICEF



NETHERLANDS
PROVIDING
SOLAR REVERSE
OSMOSIS PLANT
60m³/day



WFP AIRLIFTING
2,000 FOOD KITS
FOR 6,000
PERSONS



600 TEACHERS TO
BE TRAINED IN
PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT



1,000 DIGNITY
KITS BEING
DEPLOYED



FINANCING

IFRC Appeal: CHF 19M / US\$23M for 180,000 people

UK: £7.5M / US\$9.6M + supplies (3,000 shelter kits)

Canada: CA\$7M / US\$5.1M (CA\$2M to WFP logistics hub)

CCRIF payout: US\$70.8M to Jamaica



IMPORT DUTY (ID) AND GENERAL CONSUMPTION TAX (GCT)

Temporary suspension of ID and GCT

Applies to approved relief items only

Suspension Start: October 29th, 2025

Suspension End: November 28th, 2025



210 SCHOOL-IN-A-
BOX KITS
DISTRIBUTED TO
MOST AFFECTED
SCHOOLS

Top 5 Critical Priorities

1. Power
Restoration (66%
Outage)

2. Road Clearance
to Isolated
Parishes

3. Water System
Repairs /
Desalination

4. Medical Teams
& Hospital Power

5. Food Delivery
to Cut-Off
Communities

ADDITIONAL UPDATES - LAST UPDATED 01/11/2025 16:00 HRS



CCRIF TO MAKE RECORD PAYOUT TO JAMAICA US \$70.8 MILLION (~J \$11.4 BILLION)

- The largest single payout in CCRIF's history
- Payout to be made within 14 days

Following the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa



GLOBAL SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

Following a request from the Government of Jamaica, Global Support and Development (GSD) has indicated that the MV DAWN will be departing The Bahamas for Jamaica as early as this evening (November 1) to provide support in alignment with national priorities.

Updates from the CDEMA Coordinating Unit as of 5:00 p.m. on November 1st, 2025



The CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica, has begun field assessments in affected communities to guide response and early recovery efforts.

Agencies represented on the RNAT include:

- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU)
- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
- Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC)
- Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH)
- Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
- Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO)
- Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU)
- Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Barbados
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Government of Barbados
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)
- United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (UKFCDO)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- University of the West Indies / Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (UWI/CWWA)
- Walbrent College
- Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA)

Over the next seven days, **the RNAT is expected to conduct preliminary sectoral assessments in the most affected areas** to provide a concise overview of disaster impacts across key priority sectors identified by national authorities.

The assessment will:

1. **Identify** key hazard exposures and sectoral vulnerabilities.
2. **Assess** the scale and nature of observed impacts.
3. **Develop** evidence-based recommendations to guide humanitarian response, emergency relief, and early recovery actions.

The findings will inform national decision-making and partner coordination efforts, supporting Jamaica's overall disaster response and early recovery planning.

Pledges Made As at 5:00 p.m. November 1st, 2025

Country	Donation/Pledge	Destination
<i>Cayman Islands</i>	Mattresses, generators, tarps, fuel cans, first aid kits; Medical supplies and consumables; MRE'S, etc., Monetary Contribution (1.2m USD)	Jamaica
<i>Guyana</i>	Tarpaulins, chainsaws, generators, etc.	Jamaica
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Relief supplies and financial aid	Jamaica
<i>United Kingdom</i>	Shelter kits, solar lanterns, and a monetary contribution of USD 9.86 million provided by the United Kingdom in support of Jamaica.	Jamaica
<i>Japan</i>	The Government of Japan will provide emergency relief goods (Tents, Sleeping Pads, Portable Jerry Cans, Etc.) through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).	Jamaica
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	Monetary contribution of USD \$500,000 provided by the United Arab Emirates through the UAE Aid Agency in support of Jamaica .	Jamaica

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 Situation Report #5](#)

Links to Needs Lists and Other Information:

[Hurricane Melissa Documents](#)

[Customs and Consignee Procedures for Disaster Relief](#)

[Jamaica's Preliminary Needs List](#)

[Haiti's Preliminary Needs List](#)