

## HURRICANE MELISSA SITUATION REPORT No. 10

AS OF 5:00PM AST on NOVEMBER 5th, 2025

# CDEMA Chair Joins High-level Mission in Jamaica and Delivers Relief and Early Recovery Assistance from the Government of the Bahamas



Figure 1: The Honourable Minister Leon Lundy, Chair of CDEMA, arrived in Jamaica today with a consignment of relief supplies to support impacted communities. Source: CDEMA



Figure 2: CDEMA's Executive Director, Ms. Elizabeth Riley (left) welcomed the Honourable Minister Leon Lundy (right), Chair of CDEMA, on his high-level visit to Jamaica today. Source: CDEMA



Figure 3: The Honourable Minister Leon Lundy (centre), Chair of CDEMA, overseeing today's delivery of a consignment of relief supplies from the Government of the Bahamas. Source: CDEMA



Figure 4: The Honourable Minister Leon Lundy (fourth from right), Chair of CDEMA, meeting ODPEM official during today's High-Level Mission to Jamaica. Source: CDEMA

### **OVERVIEW**

The Chairman of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), The Honourable Leon Lundy, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Bahamas with responsibilities for Disaster Risk Management, arrived in Kingston, Jamaica today as part of a High-Level Mission, following the impact of Hurricane Melissa. The Bahamas delegation delivered a consignment of relief supplies on behalf of the government and people of the Bahamas, representing the first part of a pledge of up to two million dollars to support recovery and rebuilding efforts in Jamaica. The Honourable Minister joined Elizabeth Riley, CDEMA Executive Director, in a series of meetings and site visits, to gain a deeper understanding of the hurricane's impact, the status of response operations and the priority needs.

## **Updates from Impacted Participating State**



#### **JAMAICA**

- ➤ 43 percent (338) of Flow mobile sites is online (Figure 5).
- ➤ 65 percent (2256) of Flow fixed nodes is online.
- Approximately, 50 percent (463) of Digicel mobile sites are online, which serves 76 percent of daily active users (Figure 6).
- ➤ Power based damage assessment continues across all parishes. Country-wide Damage Assessment Completed to date: Transmission lines: 93 percent, Sub-Stations: 96 percent, Distribution feeders: 70 percent (Source: JPS).
- > 50.03 percent (342,550) of customers remain without power (Figure 7)

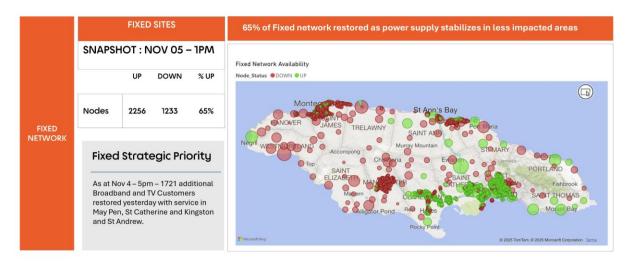


Figure 5: Flow - Fixed Network Coverage Map

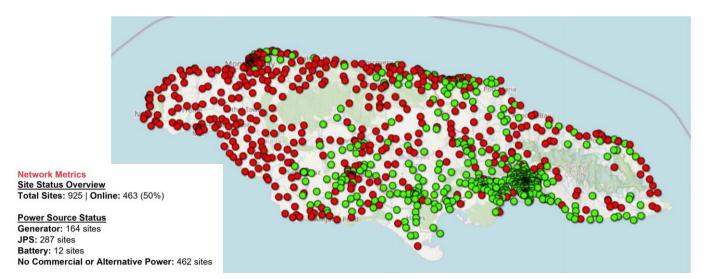
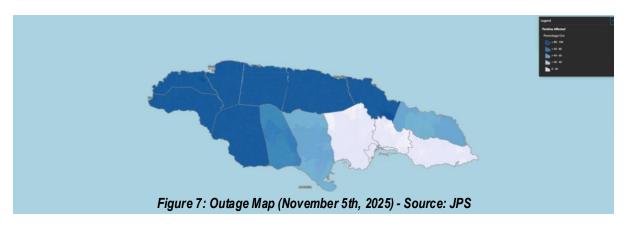


Figure 6: Digicel – Network Status Map

## **Updates from Impacted Participating States**



### JAMAICA (Continued)





#### THE BAHAMAS

#### Report from the Disaster Risk Management Authority











NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGES TO THE AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION AND TOURISM SECTOR



POWER, WATER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN RESTORED



Figure 8: Spatial Distribution of Shelters Previously Activated Across Bahamas

- ➤ Islands primarily impacted were Long Island (central region), Acklins and Crooked Island (southern region).
- ➤ Twenty-seven shelters in total were opened on the affected islands (Figure 8).
- All evacuees have now returned home.
- All medical facilities have resumed operations after the passage of Hurricane Mellissa, except for the medical facility located on the island of Acklins.
- All airports on the affected islands were impacted by Hurricane Melissa but have since resumed operations, except for one (1) that remains closed.
- Education services have resumed in all islands, except in San Salvador.
- Disaster Risk Management Authority (DRMA) is now transitioning to recovery.
- Continuous assessments with regional and international partners is ongoing.



#### **COORDINATION**











TOTAL - 56 MEMBERS DEPLOYED

- ➤ The RNAT is finalising field assessments today November 5th, focused on critical areas in the eastern parishes. The team will brief the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) tomorrow November 6th on the findings of the assessments and are scheduled to complete their mission on Friday, November 7th.
- ➤ Approximately 70 organisations on the ground in Jamaica have registered with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- > OCHA is continuing to map partners and their target areas for assessment, to avoid duplication and parallel efforts.
- ➤ The Information Management (IM) Coordination Group, in collaboration with MapAction, is supporting mapping and other information management needs of partners on the ground. The IM group is also working to consolidate assessment data from all partners.
- > The Private Sector Coordinating group is actively engaging with private sector actors to streamline relief efforts.
- ➤ Daily coordination meetings continue at the Pegasus Hotel at 7pm (Jamaica time). New areas for assessment have been identified.



#### **MNCCC**

- No significant updates.
- ➤ Civil military liaisons on the ground, are engaging directly with the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and are participating in the daily humanitarian coordination meetings at the Pegasus Hotel.



#### **EARLY RECOVERY**

No new updates. The Early Recovery Technical Working Group is scheduled to meet next Monday November 10th to plan their support to early recovery efforts.



#### **SHELTER**

- The Shelter Technical Working Group met on November 5th to plan how partners will support the emerging shelter needs.
- > Mapping of partners, activities and locations is ongoing.
- Partner-specific updates:
  - o **Core:** Conducting field assessments in St. Louis Good Parish and Tall Hill; partnering with Food for the Poor for warehousing and distribution of tarpaulins and relief items.
  - ShelterBox: Preparing to assist 1,000 households; 80% of supplies loaded with remaining stock en route; seeking local partners to support storage and distribution.
  - IOM: Delivering generators, tarpaulins, hygiene kits, solar lamps, and shelter kits via GEM; supporting emergency shelter/area-based shelter coordination through implementing an Airbnb.org rental support programme for vulnerable groups, and essential workers; and plans for debris removal, and home repair programmes.
  - Salvation Army: Operating in all parishes with a focus on food distribution; seeking partnerships and non-food relief items such as tarpaulins, generators, and hygiene kits.
  - Caritas Antilles / Catholic Relief Services (CRS): Coordinating with dioceses to deliver NFIs and WASH kits from regional warehouses; targeting hard-to-reach areas and requesting shared storage space in Montego Bay.
  - Care International: Working through Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers (JNRWP) and Caribbean Gender Alliance to support 2,000 people with shelter and hygiene kits; emphasizing coordination with the WASH sector.



#### **EMERGENCY TELECOMS**

- > Caribbean Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT):
  - Deployed Starlink satellite systems and Ultra High Frequency (UHF), Very High Frequency (VHF), and High Frequency (HF) communications.
  - Starlink terminals have been set up at six (6) critical locations: the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) Headquarters, Manchester, Clarendon, Westmoreland, Trelawny, and St. Elizabeth.
  - Established a hybrid relay station combining UHF and Starlink capabilities at the Black River Fire Station.
  - o Maintaining HF communications with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and its Participating States (PS).



### **EMERGENCY TELECOMS (Continued)**

- ➤ Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) (Coordinated by the Caribbean Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) and facilitated by Jamaica Flying Labs):
  - Several Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) teams have been deployed, with larger drones expected to arrive and be operational over the weekend.
- ➤ Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU):
  - In partnership with HISPASAT, CTU is working with the Government of Jamaica to leverage additional satellite connectivity.
- > Vodafone Foundation:
  - o Providing public Wi-Fi access and cell phone charging facilities at three locations in the Black River area.
- ➤ World Food Programme (WFP) Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):
  - In collaboration with ETC partners Cisco Crisis Response and Ericsson Response, WFP is providing technical assistance to ODPEM and ensuring connectivity for affected communities.
- > Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF):
  - Supporting the Jamaican Red Cross in field activities requiring emergency telecommunications.



#### **HEALTH**

- ➤ Health sector meeting co-chaired by PAHO and Ministry of Health (MoH) was held yesterday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- ➤ Key Issues and Emerging Concerns:
  - o Damage to primary care facilities especially in western and southern corridor were reported.
  - o Water quality, vector control, food safety, and workforce strain.
- > Priority Hospitals requiring rapid restoration are Savanna-la-Mar, Black River, and Falmouth.
- > Partner Support:
  - o CARPHA mobile lab equipment arrived; customs clearance ongoing.
  - PAHO supplies: 50 emergency medical kits, 4 field tents (with lighting), 300 mosquito nets, personal protective equipment, large water tanks.
- > Strengthened surveillance in shelters; public health messaging ongoing.
- > Needs identified include technical teams, logistics, and funds for facility repair and stock prepositioning.



#### PRIVATE SECTOR

Canadian Private Sector company has offered 25 tents of varying sizes. Private Sector TWG is coordinating with the Shelter TWG to effectively allocate donation.



#### **PROTECTION**

- Civil society partners have engaged with Protection TWG members on the ground to coordinate support for NGOs; a brief update on these efforts will be provided tomorrow.
- ➤ The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Subgroup, in collaboration with local authorities, is expediting delivery of requested commodities and augmenting efforts to restore the GBV referral pathway.
- ➤ UN Women will deploy within the next two weeks to support these efforts, coordinating closely with UNFPA and the Bureau of Gender Affairs.
- ➤ The first meeting of the Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) Working Group will be held tomorrow, November 6<sup>th</sup>, with participation from the Protection TWG; updates will follow.
- ➤ UN Women and UNICEF are finalising a UN-to-UN agreement to streamline the CBT process and ensure efficient provision of assistance to those most in need.



#### **RELIEF & LOGISTICS**

#### Operations:

- o Air and sea bridges are active from Barbados and Panama delivering interagency supplies to Jamaica.
- o Emergency staging areas: Kingston Port, Santa Cruz, and Black River.
- o Approximately 15 mobile storage units available in-country; optimal placements under review.
- o Common warehouse to be established in Montego Bay; status update expected next meeting.

#### > Coordination:

- Next sea bridge movement from Barbados planned for weekend (November 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>) with support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO), the International Organisation on Migration (IOM), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the World Food Programme (WFP); partners asked to feed details on supplies being donated into the CDEMA-WFP Logistics Control tower using the <a href="mailto:upstream planning template">upstream planning template</a>.
- o Supplies are also being moved from Antigua & Barbuda and Grenada.



### **RELIEF & LOGISTICS (Continued)**

Summary of shipments received in Jamaica via the CDEMA-WFP Logistics Control Tower as at, November 4th, 2025, are represented below (Figure 9).

#### **Received shipments**





Figure 9: Overview of relief shipments received in Jamaica through the CDEMA-WFP Logistics Control Tower as of November 4th, 2025. Source: World Food Programme

➤ All related updates on the Control Tower and the Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group can be found on their <u>website</u>.



### **WASH (JAMAICA)**

- Ongoing coordination with PAHO, MoH, and partners.
- > Critical Issues:
  - Many systems still offline due to lack of power.
  - Risk of vector- and water-borne disease spread.
- Partner Assets:
  - Mobile water treatment units available through OceanX, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)/Doctors Without Borders, Samaritan's Purse, Water Mission, and the Global Support and Development's MV Dawn Vessel which is currently docked in the Kingston Harbour.
  - ISRATECH Jamaica will also be providing six (6) ultra-filtration systems to the National Water Commission (NWC) for water treatment.
- Needs: 40+ generators for NWC facilities; coordination underway with partners to source.
- Actions: Ensuring systems meet health/safety standards and prioritising most-affected areas.

# Donations and Pledges Made By Countries/Partners As at 5:00 p.m. November 5th, 2025

| Country                     | Donations and Pledges  | Destination |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| Commonwealth of the Bahamas | Up to <b>USD 2 million</b> in relief assistance (humanitarian supplies, in-kind support, and direct financial assistance)                              | Jamaica     |
| Cayman Islands              | Mattresses, generators, tarps, fuel cans, first aid kits; Medical supplies and consumables; MRE'S, etc., Monetary Contribution (1.2m USD)              | Jamaica     |
| Guyana                      | Relief supplies including chainsaws, tarpaulins, and generators valued at approximately <b>USD \$101,000</b>   | Jamaica     |
| Trinidad and Tobago         | Relief supplies and financial assistance   | Jamaica     |
| United Kingdom              | Shelter kits, solar lanterns, hygiene kits and a monetary contribution of <i>USD 9.86 million</i> provided by the United Kingdom                       | Jamaica     |
| Japan                       | Emergency relief goods (Tents, Sleeping Pads, Portable Jerry Cans, Etc.) through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)                     | Jamaica     |
| United Arab<br>Emirates     | Monetary contribution of <i>USD\$500,000</i> to support of countries affected by the hurricane through CDEMA's ongoing relief and recovery operations. | CDEMA CU    |

### **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 Situation Reports**

| Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #1 | Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #6 |
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| Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #2 | Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #7 |
| Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #3 | Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #8 |
| Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #4 | Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #9 |
| Hurricane Melissa Situation Report #5 |                                       |

#### Links to Needs Lists and Other Information:

| Hurricane Melissa Documents    | Customs and Consignee Procedures for Disaster Relief |
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| Official Needs Lists – Jamaica | Cayman Islands Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts      |
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Relief and Logistics TWG Website Official Needs List - Haiti