

HURRICANE MELISSA

SITUATION REPORT No. 8

AS OF 5:00PM AST on NOVEMBER 3rd, 2025

Relief Supplies Arrived in Jamaica from the Caribbean Regional Logistics Hub



Relief supplies in the Port of Kingston which arrived aboard the A624 Le Dumont D'Urville November 3rd 2025.

CDEMA Executive Director Ms. Elizabeth Riley joined WFP Country Director, Brian Bogart and a Red Cross representative from PIRAC welcoming the A624 Le Dumont D'Urville in Kingston, Jamaica.

OVERVIEW

Two hundred and ninety-one (291) metric tonnes of relief supplies as well as logistics support arrived in the Port of Kingston, Jamaica today onboard the French Navy vessel, A624 Le Dumont D'Urville, as response operations continue across Jamaica to support communities impacted by Hurricane Melissa. The cargo was provided through the support of the International Organisation of Migration (IOM), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Intervention Platform of the Americas-Caribbean (PIRAC) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The Dutch vessel, the Pelikaan, is expected to dock in port tomorrow, November 4th, 2025. Ongoing assessments are being conducted to determine optimal maritime and airlift options to facilitate additional delivery options of relief supplies into Jamaica.

The Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) has accelerated field operations in severely impacted parishes such as St. Elizabeth and Westmoreland, with a particular emphasis on the Black River area. This continues in effort to further evaluate damage, identify priority needs, and support the national response coordination mechanisms. Regional and international partners continue to mobilise and deliver essential relief items, including food, water, medical supplies, and shelter materials, in close collaboration with Jamaican authorities. The CDEMA Coordinating Unit remains in communication with national and international partners to ensure a coordinated and efficient response in support of Jamaica's recovery efforts.

Updates from Impacted Participating State



JAMAICA

Latest Updates from the Ministerial Press Conference held on November 3rd, 2025

	Key Area	Current Status / Update
	Electricity (JPS)	- Approximately 206,000 customers restored out of 550,000 affected; restoration progress increased from 23% to over 50%. - Kingston & St. Andrew, Portmore, and St. Thomas are 95% restored, while St. Catherine is at 90%. - Power restoration efforts in remaining parishes are continuing 24/7. 100 overseas line workers and 50 bucket trucks are en route to support recovery, focusing on Spanish Town, Central Village, Bog Walk, Gregory Park, and parts of St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth.
	Water Systems (NWC)	132 systems active out of 763 total, with 65% of NWC customers restored. - Over 43 major generators are currently running, with 40 more to be deployed within 72 hours based on assessments and pumping station conditions. - Target of 80% restoration by the weekend (November 8th–9th, 2025). - Priority areas include major hospitals, coastal and gravity-fed systems, with Constant Spring, Mona, and Springfield (St. Thomas) systems now operational.
	Telecommunications & Connectivity	- Digicel restored 46% of mobile sites, 86% of fixed networks, and 75% of business connections; Flow restored 64% of fixed sites and 40% of mobile customers, mainly in urban areas. - Starlink provided 400 residential/commercial units and 200 mobile kits, distributed to government agencies, municipal corporations, JDF, JCF, ODPEM, hospitals, and MPs in the hardest-hit parishes. - Connectivity restored for hospitals, fire brigades, Red Cross, and NGO relief operations. - Restoration efforts continue across networks to expand service coverage in affected communities.
	Road Access & Infrastructure (NWA)	- Relief corridor established from St. Elizabeth through Savanna-la-Mar to Montego Bay, initially single-lane but now expanded to two lanes to accommodate heavy trucks. - Over 100 private contractors and equipment operators engaged across affected parishes to support road clearance and relief logistics. - Heavy-duty vehicle routes cleared in Westmoreland, St. James, and Clarendon. - Ongoing clearance operations continue in Trelawny, Manchester, St. Thomas, Portland, and St. Mary.
	Shelters (MLSS)	186 shelters remain open across 12 parishes, accommodating approximately 2,500 persons, down from 382 shelters and 6,000 occupants immediately after the storm. - Seven municipal corporations remain non-operational due to damage, with temporary relocation arrangements in progress. - Staff redeployments are underway from less affected parishes to support operations in the western regions. - Shelter management continues to focus on consolidation and transition planning for displaced persons.
	Humanitarian & Relief Operations	30,000 food packages plus tarpaulins, water containers, and hygiene kits distributed. 25 communities remain marooned. - JDF and international partners conducting airlifts and ground operations using Bell 429, Chinook, and Black Hawk helicopters. - Relief coordination supported via Starlink links and parish-level humanitarian cells.
	Fuel & Transport	- Petrojam refinery sustained no major damage and operates 6 a.m.–6 p.m. for tanker loading and dispatch. - Over 400 fuel tankers distributed since October 30th, including to western parishes. - Rubis has 82% of service stations operational; JUTC running 175 buses in Kingston, Portmore, and rural corridors for emergency transport. - Aviation fuel supply at 75–80% capacity across airports.
	Airports & Ports	- Norman Manley International Airport reopened within 48 hours after impact, handling 77 flights (30 relief, 47 commercial) on November 1st. - Sangster International (Montego Bay) resumed commercial flights on November 1st, after operating relief flights from October 30th. - Ports facilitating expedited clearance of humanitarian cargo. - Air and sea operations fully engaged in relief logistics and supply movement.
	Volunteer & Recovery Coordination	- National Volunteer Registry launched via supportjamaica.gov.jm for coordinated local and diaspora engagement. - Citizens register by skill and availability for roles in food distribution, shelter support, counselling, logistics, and clean-up. - Managed by the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport in partnership with CVSS and NGOs. - Aims to streamline volunteer coordination and enhance community recovery

Updates from Impacted Participating State



JAMAICA

JAMAICA UPDATES FROM SITUATION REPORT - LAST UPDATED 01/11/2025 11:00 HRS



Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd, 2025



COORDINATION

- The full RNAT team is on the ground.
- 4 members of the CARICOM Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) have arrived in country and are supporting restoration efforts.
- The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) continues to support coordination efforts in country alongside CDEMA and other partners. Daily coordination meetings are being held at the Pegasus Hotel at 7:00PM (EST). Efforts remain focused on networking, connecting, and streamlining information to ensure unified coordination and alignment of supplies and needs according to the Government of Jamaica's priorities.
- Two members of the Mental Health Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) team are scheduled to arrive in Jamaica on November 4th to support field teams.
- Several NGOs have begun arriving in the country to support response operations.



MNCCC

- Meetings are being held to discuss how the identified needs of the Government can be met.
- Military helicopters are currently in Jamaica, and additional requests for support are being received.

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EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- A meeting was held today to coordinate efforts across 25 identified priority areas.
- The Global Emergency Telecoms Coordinator (ETC) and technical teams are on the ground, mapping the priority intervention sites.
- Information is being shared with Vodafone and Télécoms Sans Frontières (Telecoms Without Borders) (TSF) to avoid duplication, while mapping activities continue.
- Some improvements in operator coverage have been noted with further data on coverage gains and remaining communication gaps to be collated and shared.
- Processes are being established to prevent overlap among Vodafone, TSF, Global Support Development (GSD), WFP, CDEMA, and other partners.



SHELTER

- International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has been asked to support the Government of Jamaica with developing short and medium-term shelter plans, focusing on immediate housing solutions for periods of one, two, and four months.
- Food and non-food item distribution is ongoing, with four to five agencies actively distributing supplies. These agencies maintain contact and share information as focal points for international partners.
- Shipments of tarpaulins, hygiene supplies, solar lamps, and hydration kits continue to arrive, with four aircraft from the United States expected to arrive this week. Additional relief supplies are scheduled to be shipped from Amazon by Thursday November 6th.
- Efforts are underway to assess the level of infrastructural damage and identify priority needs. MapAction is providing support to shelter needs estimations and distribution tracking.
- Five IOM personnel are on standby to support record-keeping and reporting for distribution management.



EARLY RECOVERY

- The Agriculture Sector Sub Committee met this morning to identify resources, including seeds and grains, to send to Jamaica.
- Coordination and logistics efforts are ongoing among the team to organise the delivery of these resources.
- Discussions are also being held with Jamaica's Minister of Agriculture to address needs in the agriculture, livestock, and fisheries sectors.
- The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Undersecretary-General is scheduled to arrive in Jamaica on November 4th.
- The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) is leading the early recovery efforts in the country.
- The Early Recovery Sub Committee agreed to develop early recovery plan

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd, 2025



HEALTH

- Major cleaning campaigns have been conducted in four hospitals: Cornwall Regional, Savanna-La-Mar, Falmouth, and Noel Holmes. These cleanups are being led by the Ministry of Health with support from Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).
- Health facilities have reported significant damage, limited water and power, and staff under strain.
- PAHO and partner teams are conducting rapid and detailed assessments of affected hospitals.
- Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF) second team arrived to support health facility repairs.
- Heart to Heart International visited Falmouth and Cornwall hospitals, noting low supplies and overworked staff.
- Two clinicians from Canada deployed to support search and rescue operations.
- Additional deployments are planned for environmental health support, food safety, water quality, and logistics management.
- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNICEF, and AmeriCares are actively supporting the response.
- A Health cluster meeting will be held on November 4th, 2025, at 10 am.



PRIVATE SECTOR

- The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) continues to meet with international partners, engaging in ongoing discussions to coordinate the shipment of relief items to Jamaica.
- PSOJ held a meeting with the Private Sector Chair to discuss sector actions currently taking place on the ground. They are actively involved in food distribution efforts, receiving, packaging, and delivering items to the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) for distribution to affected areas.
- Regional business support organisations are being engaged for collaboration, with outreach efforts underway with counterparts in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados to strengthen coordination.
- The Joint Chambers in Trinidad and Tobago have established an account to receive and transfer monetary donations to Jamaica. ODPEM has shared relevant information with the private sector, and discussions with PSOJ emphasized that monetary contributions are the preferred method to ensure efficient and flexible support.
- Several companies with subsidiaries in Jamaica are contributing by providing locally available resources.



PROTECTION

- No major updates; national support teams remain embedded in local meetings and field assessments.
- A further comprehensive status update on protection is expected following the next meeting in upcoming days.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd, 2025



RELIEF & LOGISTICS

- CDEMA continues an ongoing assessment of maritime and aviation options, both public and private, to support response operations.
- End-to-end supply chain options are being assessed at all stages to maximise partner resources and capacities.
- The French vessel A624 Le Dumont D'Urville arrived today, and the Dutch vessel HNLMS Pelikaan (A804) is expected to arrive on November 4th, 2025.
- Requests for further regional transport are being consolidated.
- The Control Tower, jointly run by WFP and CDEMA, is online to facilitate monitoring, analysis, and decision-making.
- CDEMA and WFP co-chaired the Relief and Logistics TWG meeting today November 3rd, 2025, discussing the Control Tower and the LogIE mapping platform.



WASH (JAMAICA)

- Coordination with the Ministry of Health and Jamaica National Water Commission (NWC) is ongoing to determine the optimal location for deployment of WASH items.
- Teams are liaising with local partners (ODPEM, NWC, JDF, MoH) and regional/international partners (PAHO, Caribbean Water Utility Insurance Collective (CWUIC), Caribbean Utilities, Water Mission, Operators Without Borders (OWB), Ocean X, Samaritan's Purse, MSF regarding relief equipment, supplies, and personnel all relief supplies will be channel through ODPEM.
- MSF is shipping a mobile freshwater treatment plant with a capacity of 75,000 liters per day

UPDATES FROM WASH TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP - LAST UPDATED 02/11/2025 17:00 HRS

**MOBILE
FRESHWATER
TREATMENT
PLANT IS BEING
SHIPPED**
Capacity of 75,000
liters per day

Agency / Partner	Activity / Update	Details / Remarks
Global Support and Development	Humanitarian vessel deployment	The humanitarian vessel MV DAWN is en route to Jamaica.
WASH TWG & Caribbean Water Utility Insurance Collective (CWUIC) Team	Coordination meeting	Scheduled meeting with NWC on November 4th . Feedback will be provided at the next CDPG meeting.
PAHO	Initial assessment	Conducted at Falmouth Hospital
FCDO	Support planning	Assessing level of support required.



Donations and Pledges Made By Countries/Partners As at 5:00 p.m. November 3rd, 2025

Country	Donations and Pledges	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>	The Government of Guyana, through the country's private sector, is providing relief supplies including chainsaws, tarpaulins, and generators valued at approximately USD \$101,000	Jamaica
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Relief supplies and financial aid	Jamaica
<i>United Kingdom</i>	Shelter kits, solar lanterns, hygiene kits and a monetary contribution of USD 9.86 million provided by the United Kingdom	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>	The UAE provided a monetary contribution of USD\$500,000 in support of countries most 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.

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