

HURRICANE MELISSA HAITI AND JAMAICA

SITUATION REPORT No. 5

AS OF 5:00PM AST on 31st OCTOBER 2025

CDEMA deploys multiple operational teams under the Regional Response Mechanism to assist the Government of Jamaica.

- A 17-member Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) arrived in Kingston, Jamaica on October 31, to conduct preliminary sectoral assessments to guide humanitarian response, emergency relief and early recovery actions.
- A Caricom Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) is scheduled to arrive over the weekend to assist in the restoration of telecoms services.
- A Caricom Operational Support Team (COST) continues to provide support in the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management.



Members of the Rapid Needs Assessment Team Ahead of Deployment to Jamaica

SITUATION

Relief and recovery efforts are progressing in Jamaica following the passage of Hurricane Melissa, which caused widespread damage across several communities. The Government of Jamaica, through the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), has activated national response mechanisms to provide immediate assistance to affected communities. Emergency shelter operations, debris clearance, and the distribution of food, water, and medical supplies are ongoing.

On October 31, CDEMA deployed a Regional Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) at the request of the government, which arrived in-country to support ODPEM in conducting rapid Damage and Needs Assessments. The team comprised 17 regional specialists, personnel from the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) and key international and regional partners, including the United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (UKFCDO) and regional media representatives.

The team will work alongside national authorities to evaluate the impact on critical infrastructure, housing, and essential services to help guide targeted response and early recovery by the Government of Jamaica. International and regional partners have also begun mobilising humanitarian assistance, with priority being placed on restoring access to isolated communities and addressing urgent needs.

Updates from Impacted States



JAMAICA

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

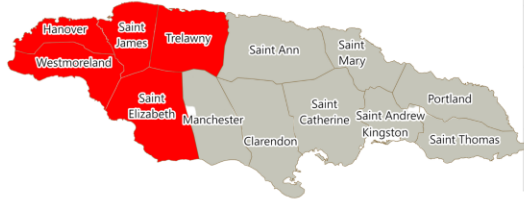
➤ A press briefing was held today, Friday, October 31, at 11:00 a.m. AST and further updates can be found below.

IMPACT OVERVIEW - LAST UPDATED BY 31/10/2025 10:00 HRS

 **ROAD CLEARED FROM HANOVER TO WESTMORELAND**

 **7,000 + PERSONS IN SHELTERS**
UPDATED FIGURES FOR (31/10/2025)

 **400 ACTIVE SHELTERS**



Parish	Key Government Facilities Impacted
Trelawny	Municipal HQ, infirmary, roads and works department, courthouse, markets, disaster office, fire station, and drop-in centre flooded.
St. Elizabeth	Municipal HQ, infirmary, fire station, and all markets damaged
St. James	Municipal building and infirmary roof destroyed
Hanover & Westmoreland	Telecommunications compromised; major structural impact reports pending

TRANSPORTATION - LAST UPDATED 31/10/2025 10:00 HRS

 **13 CARGO RELIEF FLIGHTS ARRIVED**
NMIA (30/10/25)

NMIA – Norman Manley International Airport

 **20 CARGO RELIEF FLIGHTS ARRIVED**
NMIA (31/10/25)



8-10 HELICOPTERS EN ROUTE

Capable of patient transport, on-site treatment, and carrying relief supplies (US Government).



AIRPORTS

Although airports sustained damage, relief flights have been operating for the past two days from Ian Fleming International, Montego Bay, and Norman Manley airports.



21 PREMIUM



3 RURAL EXPRESS



7 DISASTER RELIEF

- JUTC buses continue transporting essential workers into disaster zones (highlighted on the left).

- Highway tolls remain open with barriers temporarily raised

POWER AND UTILITIES - LAST UPDATED BY 31/10/2025 10:00 HRS



462,000 CUSTOMERS WITHOUT POWER
JPS



≈ 66% OF CUSTOMERS WITHOUT POWER
JPS

PETROJAM

Island-wide delivery began at 6:00 AM (EST) (31/10/2025), ensuring fuel distribution continues uninterrupted.

NWC

TOTAL SHUTDOWN



HANOVER AND WESTMORELAND

SEVERE DISRUPTION



ST ELIZABETH AND ST JAMES

Major infrastructure damage: 32-inch pipeline, 200 ft - Great River line washed away – pipeline being reinstalled into St. James and sections of Hanover.

Updates from the Impacted Participating States



JAMAICA (Continued)

TELECOMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT - LAST UPDATED BY 31/10/2025 10:00 HRS



>120
COMMUNITIES
LOST WIFI
CONNECTION
Across Jamaica

FLOW

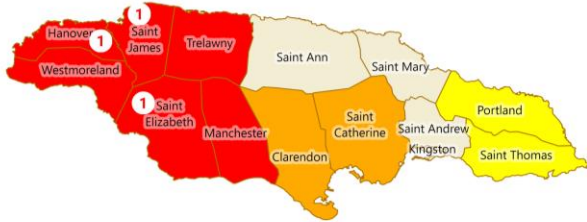
40% OF NETWORK
ACTIVE

FLOW

22% MOBILE
CONNECTIVITY

DIGICEL

31% MOBILE CUSTOMERS
ONLINE



FLOW

Deploying charging equipment to the western region, outfitting police stations with Starlink connectivity, fuel, and generators to support operations.



STARLINK

- Starlink deployed in areas where FLOW and Digicel are down.
- Headquarters team en route; multiple charities offering support to restore police and essential services.



Both providers have flown in additional technical teams and equipment, prioritizing repairs to towers, fiber, roofs, and critical communications—especially in Montego Bay, St. Elizabeth, and Hanover. Crews are working hard to restore connectivity islandwide.



HAITI

Report from the Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC)

- As of 30 October 2025, 31 deaths, 20 injuries, and 21 missing persons have been reported across Ouest, Sud-Est, Artibonite, Nippes, and Grand'Anse. Approximately 15,800 people (2,399 families) remain in 122 shelters, with over 1,000 homes flooded.
- Flooding in 31 communities driven by river overflows including La Digue, Grande Anse, Dame-Marie, and Artibonite has caused widespread housing, infrastructure, and agricultural losses. The La Digue Bridge and Route Nationale No. 2 are partially blocked, restricting access.
- Agricultural devastation in Grand'Anse, Sud, and Ouest have damaged bananas, yams and fruit crops, intensifying food security risks. Relief operations continue with non-food items and water distribution, though fuel shortages, poor road conditions, and security constraints are limiting reach.
- While the national alert has been lifted, green-level vigilance remains due to residual rainfall.
- Priority needs include food, shelter materials, potable water, hygiene kits, medical support and agricultural recovery inputs, alongside continued coordination and public health monitoring to prevent disease outbreaks.
- Post-impact recovery activities are ongoing, including road and bridge clearance, assessment of agricultural and infrastructural losses, and deployment of mobile health and water teams in high-risk zones. Local authorities are continuing to manage shelters to ensure adequate access to food, sanitation, and healthcare. Technical teams from Public Works and Civil Protection remain mobilised to restore access and conduct structural evaluations across affected departments.

Updates from the Impacted Participating States



HAITI(Continued)

HAITI OVERVIEW - LAST UPDATED BY 30/10/2025 18:00 HRS



**1,046
HOUSES
FLOODED**



**15,861
PERSONS IN
SHELTERS**

Department	Impacts
Grand'Anse	15 houses destroyed, 808 damaged; flooding in Corail and Anse-d'Hainault; roof damage to two schools; marine submersion in Îles Cayemites
Nord-Ouest	1 house damaged (Chansolme), 1 destroyed (La Tortue), 3 schools damaged
Nippes	659 houses flooded
Artibonite	1,200 houses flooded; 1 house destroyed in Grande-Saline

FLOODED COMMUNES



THE BAHAMAS

Report from the Disaster Risk Management Authority

- The "All Clear" was given by Bahamian authorities on Friday, October 31, 2025 at 8:00am.
- Shelters have been deactivated and evacuees are returning to their homes.
- Rapid Assessment teams are continuing to carry out damage and sectoral assessments, which are expected to be completed by Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
- Utility companies are being mobilised to restore power, water and telecommunications across the islands.
- Several roads have been reopened following the clearance of debris.
- Thirty-two of thirty-three clinics which were closed ahead of impact from Hurricane Melissa have been reopened.
- Flooding remains in low-lying areas.
- Minor roof damage and ongoing distribution of tarpaulins and emergency supplies to affected households in the Acklins Islands, Inagua, Exuma, San Salvador, Ragged Island, Crooked Island and Rum Cays.
- Fourteen of the fifteen closed airstrips have reopened.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on October 31st, 2025



COORDINATION

- The TWG continues to work with regional and international partners in alignment with the national priorities of the Government of Jamaica to support the relief efforts in the country.

OVERVIEW OF UPDATES FROM THE CDPG THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS (TWG) - LAST UPDATED 31/10/2025 16:00 HRS



24 CARILEC ENGINEERS DEPLOYED
For field assessments and power restoration



3 OCHA STAFF MEMBERS DEPLOYED



5 HOSPITALS SEVERELY DAMAGED
Visual Assessment from PAHO



17,800 RELIEF ITEMS EN ROUTE
UNICEF, WFP, IOM, and French Red Cross (PIRAC)

17 RNAT MEMBERS DEPLOYED



Coordination



Media



Agriculture



Coastal Zone and Marine Environment



Education



Emergency Shelters



Fisheries



Physical & Psychosocial Wellbeing



Housing and Infrastructure



WASH



Social Protection



Tourism



MNCCC

- No additional updates. Team meeting scheduled 1 Nov 2025 to plan further support.



EARLY RECOVERY

- Request made to Crisis Bureau (Panama) for surge specialist support; deployment to Jamaica expected in coming days.
- Power restoration ongoing; over 50,000 customers reconnected in less affected areas.
- CARILEC teams are deploying to assist with major outages nationwide.
- CARICOM Development Fund (CDF): Exploring support for debris removal, cleanup, and recycling efforts.
- CDF engaging UNDP Jamaica for partnership; update to follow post-meeting.

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SHELTER

- No major updates at this time. Partners have been deployed. A follow-up meeting is scheduled at the weekend.



EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- The World Food Programme (WFP) is mobilising partners to address gaps and coordinate deployments in accordance with equipment needs list provided by countries.



HEALTH

- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has reported five hospitals severely damaged following aerial assessments.
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is providing vector control supplies from Europe.
- AmeriCare has an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Type 1 mobile unit on standby with medical, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) resources and personnel.
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is providing Hygiene and Dignity kits and Gender-based Violence (GBV) prevention team has been activated.
- UNICEF Jamaica is coordinating nutrition, health training, community engagement, and breastfeeding awareness events.
- The Heart-to-Heart Association has deployed a mobile hospital and staff to support the response.
- The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Executive Director has been deployed alongside additional personnel to support rapid needs assessments.



PRIVATE SECTOR

- The United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), has been convening daily coordination meetings with the Chambers Of Commerce and business associations.
- The Private Sector Working Group has been assessing capacity and directing support to the [Support Jamaica](#) platform.

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on October 31st, 2025



PROTECTION

- The Protection Thematic Working Group continues to share updates with Partners.
- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) met with Bureau of Gender Affairs on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response.
- UNFPA, with UN Women and UNICEF, co-leading GBV Sub-Group to strengthen coordination.
- Caribbean Gender Alliance released Gender in Brief: Jamaica outlining national gender context: Gender in Brief: Jamaica (2025)



RELIEF & LOGISTICS

- Logistics teams have been deployed in Santa Cruz and Kingston.
- Assessments have been ongoing at the Norman Manley International Airport and key staging areas.
- French vessel (Le Dumont D'Urville) is enroute to Jamaica with 17,800 relief items, from UNICEF, WFP, IOM, and PIRAC, totaling 300 cubic meters of supplies (2,500 household kits, 1,700 tarps, jerry cans).
- Additional shipments (4 containers) from ShelterBox and PAHO are being prepared.
- The UK government has pledged 7.5 million pounds and 3,000 shelter kits and 1,500 solar lanterns which were scheduled to arrive in-country on October 31, 2025.
- The WFP is preparing to ship 8 mobile storage units and 5,000 food kits this weekend.



WASH

- CWWA: Two WASH personnel deployed 31 Oct 2025 with equipment; coordinating with CDEMA on-site.
- UNICEF: One additional WASH staff is to be deployed tomorrow, November 1, 2025.
- Samaritan's Purse has joined the WASH Working Group and are operating two freshwater systems (4,000 L/hr) with desalination capacity in coordination with the Ministry of Health and local churches.
- Initial WASH Impact Assessment for Haiti received; cholera cases and deaths reported.

Updates from the CDEMA Coordinating Unit as of 5:00 p.m. on October 31st, 2025



Hurricane Melissa caused extensive damage across several CDEMA Participating States, particularly in Jamaica and Haiti, where high winds and heavy rainfall resulted in the collapse of power lines, flooding of key infrastructure, and the disruption of telecommunications services. Many communities experienced complete loss of connectivity, which initially hampered coordination and information sharing among national response teams.

In response, the Caribbean Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) was mobilized to support restoration efforts. Working alongside national telecommunications agencies and regional partners, the CETT deployed critical equipment to re-establish communication links in the hardest-hit areas. Using Starlink satellite terminals, the team successfully provided internet connectivity to Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) and field command posts where terrestrial networks were down. In addition, HF radios were utilized to maintain reliable voice communication between affected communities and response teams, ensuring continuous information flow despite damaged infrastructure.

Through these interventions, the CETT is playing a vital role in restoring essential communications, strengthening coordination, and supporting the ongoing relief and recovery operations across impacted states.

Pledges Made As at 5:00 p.m. October 31st, 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

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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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](#)