

HURRICANE MELISSA

SITUATION REPORT No. 11

AS OF 5:00PM AST on NOVEMBER 6th, 2025

CDEMA and United Nations Participate in High-level Visit to Observe the Impact of Hurricane Melissa on Jamaica



Figure 1: Under-Secretary-General Jorge Moreira da Silva (second from left), UN Resident Coordinator for Jamaica Dennis Zulu (centre) and Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director of CDEMA (third from left) visited Black River, St. Elizabeth today with officials of the Government of Jamaica. Source: CDEMA



Figure 2: Under-Secretary-General Jorge Moreira da Silva, UN Resident Coordinator (RC) for Jamaica Dennis Zulu and Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director of CDEMA observing the damage to Black River, St. Elizabeth today. Source: CDEMA

OVERVIEW

The Under-Secretary-General Jorge Moreira da Silva, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) led a High-Level visit to Black River, St. Elizabeth, one the areas most affected by the impact of Hurricane Melissa. He was joined on the visit by United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator (RC) with responsibilities for Jamaica, Dennis Zulu and Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director of CDEMA. The High-Level Mission was accompanied by representatives of the Government of Jamaica including the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF). The visit gave the high-level delegates a first-hand understanding of the devastation experienced by the affected communities and will guide ongoing regional and international support to relief and recovery.

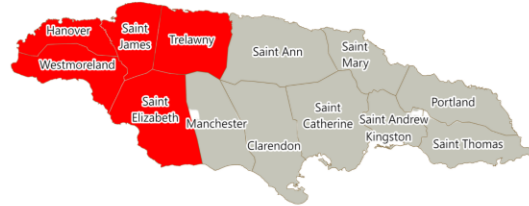
Updates from Impacted Participating State



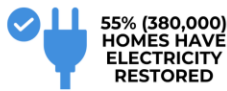
JAMAICA

Report from a Special Government Press Briefing held today, November 6th:

- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) representatives are on the ground in Jamaica, assisting in the coordination of relief efforts.



JDF, NWA, Fire Brigade and other agencies are re-establishing access to the 27 communities that are cut-off.



43 major generators running, 40 more deploying within 72 hours to key pumping sites

- Approximately 616 educational institutions reported damaged, including more than 450 schools and eight (8) tertiary institutions, ranging from roof leaks to extensive structural loss.
- 100 schools have reopened. The Government of Jamaica encourages other schools to reopen with consideration for health and safety standards and especially noting that students will sit or are sitting exams (such as: Primary Exit Profile (PEP), Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and Caribbean Advance Proficiency Examination (CAPE)). There is also ongoing discussion on developing temporary school infrastructure.
- Most gas stations have reopened in the western side of Jamaica.
- National Water Commission's (NWC) restoration target is 80 percent by November 8th – 9th, conditions permitting.
- Sixty US-based medical professionals have been deployed to support the local medical services.

TRANSPORTATION - LAST UPDATED 06/11/2025 12:00 HRS



- Access restored along major corridors, including:
 - Ocho Rios–Port Antonio
 - Morant Bay–Kingston
 - Mandeville–Black River–Negril–Montego Bay
- These reopenings are critical for relief logistics and mobility of essential workers.
- Interior routes in St. Elizabeth, St. James, and Westmoreland remain partially restricted (single-lane traffic) due to fallen trees and flooding.
- National Works Agency (NWA) crews are prioritizing two-lane clearance on rural connectors to Montego Bay and Savanna-la-Mar.



Updates from Impacted Participating States



JAMAICA (Continued)

- Over 300 flight hours coordinated between Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and US military for airdrops and evacuations. Conducted 100+ air drops in seven days, separate from NGO aviation assets. Each relief package is configured to serve a household for seven days. A total of 36,000 food packages have been distributed to date.
- 413 temporary workers plus 498 permanent staff mobilised for rodent and mosquito control, with lab surveillance for species and hotspots.
- A tax-free donation fund has been created, jointly managed by Public Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ), Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association (JMEA), Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC), and the Council of Voluntary Social Services (CVSS). The fund will focus on the purchasing and distributing care packages for affected communities.

FIELD HEALTH AND EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES - LAST UPDATED 06/11/2025 12:00 HRS

Location / Area	Facility / Initiative	Status / Description	Services / Activities	Partners / Support
St. Elizabeth	Field Hospital	Fully operational; ~50 patients seen in 24 hrs	Emergency, surgery, obstetrics, neonatal care, lab, pharmacy, blood bank	~60 professionals (US team)
Black River (St. Elizabeth)	Field Clinic	Primary care facility under setup to triage non-critical cases	Triage, primary care (to relieve hospital emergency load)	—
Falmouth (Trelawny)	Field Hospital (incoming)	Second full field hospital arriving from Kingston; expected operational within days	Emergency, surgery, pediatrics, physiotherapy, psychology, anesthesia, radiology, lab, pharmacy, sterilization	Supported by Spain & the EU; will also serve St. James
Cornwall Regional Hospital (Montego Bay)	Planned Field Hospital	Plans nearing finalization	—	Partnership with Barbados
Savanna-la-Mar (Westmoreland)	Hospital / Field Post	Emergency services ongoing	Non-emergency triage	NGO medical team operating on-site; capacity expansion discussions underway
Whitehouse (Westmoreland)	Field Health Center (planned)	Severe damage area; Tier-1 health center deployment planned	Emergency & community health services	Samaritan's Purse partnering to deploy Tier 1 field health center; considering standalone hospital between Whitehouse & Belmont
National (Various Parishes)	NHF Mobile Pharmacy Units	Active	St. Elizabeth: Black River, Slipes, Brompton, New Market, Pepper Westmoreland: Negril, Darliston, London Hanover: Ramble St. James: Maroon Town, Granville Health Centre Manchester: Prattville Health Centre	National Health Fund (NHF)
National (All Hospitals)	Mental Health & Psychosocial Support	National psychosocial response program underway	Training of field officers, mental health support bases, volunteer recruitment	Led by PAHO expert; national coordination

Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG) - Actions by the RRM Partners as of 5:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2025



COORDINATION

 24 RNAT
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED

 2 MHPSST
MEMBERS
Mental Health and
Psychosocial Support
Team (MHPSST)

 4 CETT
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED

 2 COST
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED

 24 CARILEC
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED

TOTAL - 56 MEMBERS
DEPLOYED

- Daily coordination meeting at Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica at 7pm hosted by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- Emphasising importance of establishing intersectoral coordination and strengthening Information Management (IM) capacity.



MNCCC

- No significant updates.
- Civil military liaisons on the ground, are engaging directly with the 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 has been participating in the daily humanitarian coordination meetings at Pegasus Hotel.
- IOM received a request from the Government of Jamaica to accelerate work on shelter and will meet with the Office of the Prime Minister, the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (UKFCDO) and the US State Department to identify spaces for temporary shelters.
- IOM exploring options to bring in an additional 50,000 tarpaulins to meet the increasing need.
- IOM has an agreement with Airbnb to provide 2,000 nights of accommodation for displaced persons.

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EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- Mapping of Starlink terminals underway by the World Food Programme (WFP) and OCHA to identify the locations of donated terminals and optimise telecoms coverage.
- UNESCO launching platform on Monday, November 10th, with the Jamaica Broadcasting Commission and the Caribbean School of Media and Communication (CARIMAC) to combat misinformation.



HEALTH

- Health sector meeting co-chaired by Ministry of Health (MoH) and PAHO was held today, November 6th, 2025.
- Currently mapping incoming resources to the required resources.



PRIVATE SECTOR

- OCHA: Private Sector liaison being deployed (OCHA/CBi representative) to connect international, regional, and national private-sector partners and support strengthened coordination with Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ), Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, and Jamaica Manufacturers Association (JMA).
- CARICOM Private Sector Organisation (CPSO): Continuing communication with business support organisations, and the PSOJ leads to coordinate support being received.



PROTECTION

- The Protection Thematic Working Group, in collaboration with civil society partners, is participating in a meeting convened by Jamaica's Bureau of Gender Affairs to address Gender-Based Violence concerns and the protection needs of women in the context of the Hurricane Melissa response.

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RELIEF & LOGISTICS

- A pre-operations assessment is underway in Montego Bay for the installation of two (2) Mobile Storage Units (24x10) to expand storage capacity in St. James and Westmoreland, supporting Government of Jamaica and partner operations.
- Preparations are ongoing for the loading of the HNLMS Pelikaan (A804) vessel with partner cargo, including consignments from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO), the International Organisation on Migration (IOM), the World Food Programme (WFP), ShelterBox, and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Barbados. The vessel is scheduled to depart on Saturday, November 8th, 2025.
- OCHA and US SOUTHCOM will collaborate to consolidate information on aircraft supporting relief operations to compile and visualise a comprehensive picture of airlift capacity.
- Partners are requested **not to** contact the HNLMS Pelikaan (A804) directly and to coordinate all cargo consolidation through the CDEMA-WFP Logistics Control tower using the [upstream planning template](#).
- Partners are also requested to send cargo Service Request Form: [RLTWG - Service Request Form, October 2025 | Logistics Cluster Website](#) to wfp.barbados.transportrequest.melissaresponse@wfp.org.
- All related updates on the Control Tower and the Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group can be found on their [website](#).

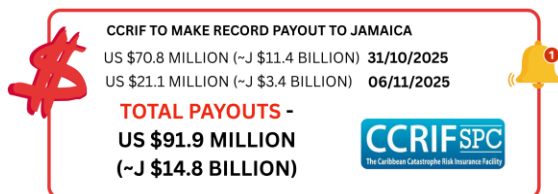


WASH

- The WASH Thematic Working Group (TWG) has been coordinating with the Government of Jamaica and other partners to mapping the incoming resources against the required resources.
- The priority focus is to get more supplies to the impacted area.
- Needs: 40+ generators for NWC facilities; coordination underway with partners to source.
- Diesel is also a critical requirement.
- The Global Support Development (GSD) humanitarian vessel the MV Dawn has been supplying diesel.
- Awaiting an update on the priority needs from the National Water Commission (NWC).
- The TWG is working with the Ministry of Health and ODPEM to assign existing and incoming WASH critical areas.
- Sanitising tablets are being imported; coordination via Camille Beckford-Palmer (WASH focal point).

Donations and Pledges Made By Countries/Partners - As at 5:00 p.m. November 6th, 2025

Country	Donations and Pledges	Destination
Commonwealth of the Bahamas	Up to USD 2 million 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 USD \$101,000	Jamaica
Trinidad and Tobago	Relief supplies and financial assistance	Jamaica
United Kingdom	Shelter kits, solar lanterns, hygiene kits and a monetary contribution of USD 9.86 million 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 Emirates	Monetary contribution of USD\$500,000 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.

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