

HURRICANE MELISSA SITUATION REPORT No. 12

AS OF 5:00PM AST on NOVEMBER 8th, 2025

CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Team Completes Mission to Jamaica to Assess Damage and Identify Critical Needs



Figure 1: Members of the Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) presenting their findings to the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) at the conclusion of their mission.

Source: CDEMA

OVERVIEW

The CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) presented its findings to the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) on November 7th, at the end of a seven-day mission to Jamaica, following the impact of Hurricane Melissa. The assessments focused on heavily impacted areas in affected parishes. The team comprised specialists in key sectors and disciplines such as Shelter, Civil Engineering, Coastal Zone Management, Tourism and Water, Sanitation and Health. The RNAT's role is to complete a rapid, initial assessment of the damage, the findings of which are provided to the Government of Jamaica to contribute to its assessment of the impacts of Hurricane Melissa. The RNAT findings will also guide the work of the Caribbean Donor Partners Group (CDPG).

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COORDINATION



**2 MHPST
MEMBERS**
*Mental Health and
Psychosocial Support
Team (MHPST)*



**4 CETT
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED**



**2 COST
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED**



**24 CARILEC
MEMBERS
DEPLOYED**

32 OF 56 PERSONNEL REMAIN DEPLOYED AS OF 08/11/2025

- Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNATs) have completed missions and are returning to their home countries.
- CDEMA National Disaster Coordinators (NDCs) met on Friday, November 7th, 2025 to review the status of relief preparation, to coordinate shipment of supplies by sea to Jamaica.
- Copernicus Emergency Mapping Service continues to be activated for Haiti and Jamaica – areas of interest were scanned and maps produced.
- The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) has been activated.
- OCHA:
 - Identifying a sub-location in-country to strengthen coordination with the Government of Jamaica (GoJ).
 - Co-producing daily [operational overview maps](#) with MapAction which show isolated communities, assessments being undertaken, and locations of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
 - Supporting the establishment of an Information Management (IM) Working Group across sectors.
 - Developing a 5Ws dashboard integrating partner and government data (“Who is doing what, where, for whom, and until when”), in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS).
 - Issued a [regional snapshot](#) (Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica) and [Situation Report #3](#) on Jamaica.



MNCCC

- US helicopter operations focused on accessing isolated communities.
- The Canadian Operational Support Hub (OSH) will be fully operational by November 13th to support Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) operations.
- The Pacific Disaster Centre (PDC) Disaster Aware map has been updated with new layers, supported by Map Action. The map now includes routes of access and areas accessible by air only as well as affected areas, degree of impact and reported damage.
- World Food Programme (WFP) provides daily updates to ODPEM and the JDF Joint Operations Centre (JOC).
- WFP helicopters are available until this Wednesday November 12th for airlift operations.

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EARLY RECOVERY

- The Early Recovery Thematic Working Group (TWG) participated in a CARICOM-led meeting on education sector recovery, including updates from Jamaica's Ministry of Education, Skills, Youth and Information.
- CARICOM is proposing to form a focused Education Recovery Committee (CDB, CDEMA, UNICEF and other key partners), linked with the Early Recovery TWG under the CDPG, which will work closely with the GoJ.
- A full Early Recovery TWG meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th 2025 – participation anticipated from the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ). Focus areas will include education, agriculture, and long-term recovery partnerships.



EMERGENCY SHELTER

- The Shelter TWG has been focusing on supporting the rapid distribution of tarpaulins – at least 80,000 are available in country; additional tarpaulins are being mobilised among partners. Tarpaulins are being distributed by helicopter along with food supplies.
- The Shelter TWG will set up a debris-removal sub-committee led by CORE, which will liaise with the relevant government departments and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF).
- Food for the Poor is co-leading the Housing Recovery Technical Working Group which includes the association of Jamaican engineers, the University of the West Indies and NGOs.



EMERGENCY TELECOMS

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) and Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM):

- Ongoing assessments of Disaster Emergency Communications (DECOM) systems and corresponding relay systems.
- Coordination meetings held with the Vodafone Foundation and the World Food Programme (WFP)-coordinated Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS) have produced the following outcomes:
 - Establishment of a centralised database using standardised registration forms and authorisation letters for agencies providing internet and connectivity to affected communities.
 - Critical operational information is now accessible to the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and other Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) assisting coordination efforts.
- An action plan for the recovery of the Disaster Emergency Communication system (DECOM) has been formulated.

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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) and Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) cont'd:

- Majority of equipment essential for DECOM system recovery has been received and is being configured for installation.
- Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) radio packs deployed to the Black River Fire Station.
- Larger Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) (drones) expected to arrive this weekend to enable longer flight times, broader area coverage, and enhanced data collection capacity.

Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU):

- In partnership with HISPASAT (Spanish satellite communications operator), the CTU is collaborating with the Government of Jamaica to expand satellite connectivity in affected regions. HISPASAT is providing 55 satellite links for emergency services in Jamaica.

Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF):

- Continuing efforts to reconnect isolated areas and communities through partnership with the Jamaican RedCross (JRC). Three coordination centers reconnected, and two mobile Wi-Fi operations completed. Over 370 devices connected and 300 gigabytes (GB) of data exchanged. JRC centres in Santa Cruz (St. Elizabeth) and Savanna-la-Mar (Westmoreland) reconnected to support coordination with Kingston. Wi-Fi provided to affected populations in Mount Salem (Montego Bay) and Jericho Town (Hanover).
- Collaborated with the ETS to design and deploy a shared Kobo Toolbox-based assessment form for all emergency communications responders.
- Upcoming actions include expanding Wi-Fi connectivity and linking additional JRC branches in impacted communities.

World Food Programme (WFP) – Coordinator for the Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS):

- To accommodate increased users, the WFP and ETS partners have installed an indoor access point at the temporary WFP office in Kingston, improving local connectivity.
- The ETS met with ODPEM and CDEMA to identify equipment needs for establishing backhaul connectivity at key repeater sites. ETS and ODPEM jointly reviewed the registration process for humanitarian partners providing connectivity to enhance coordination and standardisation.
- Priority sites identified collaboratively by CDEMA, ODPEM, WFP, and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS); ETS is deploying teams to these sites.
- Assessment tool: TSF and ETS, with Kobo Toolbox support, are developing a standardised form to assess mobile and data connectivity, as well as power availability.

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EMERGENCY TELECOMS (*Continued*)

- Operational highlights:
 - November 5th: Connectivity established for the WFP supply chain at the DHL warehouse in Kingston.
 - November 6th: ETS convened a local Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Working Group meeting to coordinate partners and streamline information sharing.
- Planned joint internet service deployments and connectivity assessments in Cave Valley (St. Ann), Black River and Santa Cruz (St. Elizabeth), and Montego Bay (St. James) – supported by Ericsson Response and Cisco Crisis Response.

Vodafone Foundation:

- Established operational Wi-Fi networks for up to 400 users, along with public cell phone charging facilities.
- Currently active in Black River, St. Elizabeth.



HEALTH

- A health sector coordination meeting co-chaired by Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) and PAHO was held today, November 8th, 2025. Five sub-sector groups have been established: (i) emergency medical teams and health services, (ii) WASH and environmental health (iii) mental health and psychosocial support (iv) rehabilitation of health facilities and (v) public health.
- Emergency Medical Team (EMT) Type 2 field hospital has been installed at Black River, and another is being installed at Falmouth. An EMT Type 2 is being deployed from Barbados and is expected to be stationed at Savanna-La-Mar. EMT Type 2 provides stabilisation of acute trauma and non-trauma presentations, referrals for further investigation or inpatient care, community-based primary care, general and obstetric surgery for trauma and other major conditions and in-patient acute care.
- The partner capacity survey captured data on 15 partners. The data will be integrated into the OCHA 5Ws database.
- The Jamaica Medical Association and The Red Cross are running mobile clinics in affected communities.
- Jamaican Defence Force Medical Services and University of the West Indies are collaborating to expand mental health support.
- CARPHA has completed health sector assessments as part of the CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNAT).
- CARPHA is coordinating with the MoHW and partners to deliver specific interventions to mitigate emerging public health risks. Procuring approximately USD 700,000 in supplies to address public health risks and other requirements indicated in the MoHW.
- CARPHA is also supporting the Barbados Defence Force (BDF) in mobilising and staffing the EMT Type 2 that will be deployed from Barbados.

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PRIVATE SECTOR

- The Private Sector TWG is partnering with UNDP's Global Disaster Response and Recovery Team visiting Jamaica next week.
- TWG is exploring early recovery initiatives for small and medium-sized enterprises and plans to join Early Recovery TWG meeting on Monday, November 10th, to identify synergies.



PROTECTION

- No updates reported.



RELIEF & LOGISTICS

- There are currently planned Common Logistics Services requests for the Governments of Antigua & Barbuda and Grenada, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), ShelterBox and World Food Programme (WFP) equivalent to 605 cubic metres / 33 metric tonnes. There are also pending Non-Common Logistics Services requests for CRS, United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK FCDO), UNICEF and WFP.
- WFP coordinated the arrival of an ECHO plane on November 6th, 1400hrs with 49 metric tonnes of relief items on behalf of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), WFP and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- WFP will support IOM receiving an inbound charter from Amazon with over 100,000 pieces of WASH and Shelter Stocks.
- CDEMA-WFP has opened a common services warehouse in Kingston for partners to consolidate supplies and onward transport to locations across the country. The 10,000 sqm facility has been made available with the support of DHL.
- By relief item quantity, 75% of planned movements are shelter related, 24% food and 1% other relief items.
- UK FCDO plans to deploy 680 tarpaulins, ropes, and hygiene kits.
- WFP plans to send Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), food and other relief items.

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RELIEF & LOGISTICS (*Continued*)

- Summary of shipments received in Jamaica via the CDEMA-WFP Logistics Control Tower as at, November 6th, 2025, are represented below.



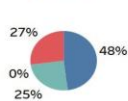
Received shipments

Key figures overview

NUMBER PARTNERS	NUMBER SHIPMENTS	TOTAL CBM	TOTAL MT
19	30	2,515	537.0

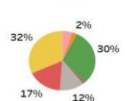
Operational Overview

Supplies by Organisation Type
(by cbm)



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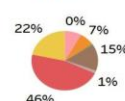
Supplies by Sector
(by qty)



Sector

- Communication
- Early recovery
- Education
- Food
- Health
- Logistics
- Other
- Shelter
- WASH

Supplies by Sector
(by cbm)



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HIGHLIGHTS

- 30 shipments were received with a total of 537mT

- The majority of the products received are Shelter items (46%)

- The majority of the products received are from governments in terms of volume (48%)

- CDEMA-WFP will load the HNLMS Pelikaan (A804) at the Bridgetown port today November 8th. Cargo and relief supplies were provided by the Department for Emergency Management, Barbados, UNICEF, JDF, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), IOM, and WFP. There is an estimated 100 metric tonnes of food with the capacity to feed 30,000 persons for several days and telecommunications equipment to support the JDF.
- Logistics Hub established in Montego Bay through WFP-CDEMA partnership; keys to be handed over tomorrow, November 9th.
- EU Humanitarian Air Bridge to Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica – the first two (2) flights arrived in Jamaica and Haiti on November 6th, delivering 83 tonnes of supplies to support the essential operations of UNICEF, WFP, CRS, IOM, PAHO.
- German DHL provided in-kind air freight for WFP to deliver 50 tonnes of EU-funded food kits to Jamaica.



WASH

- UNICEF and partners (such as Water Mission, MoHW, National Water Commission (NWC) are reviewing ideal locations for mobile water treatment plants. UNICEF wash is currently transitioning towards the installation of water treatment plants (WTPs); a WTP has been set up at Ferris Cross, Westmoreland. Water trucking continues is ongoing.
- WASH needs maps have been developed to support distribution to communities. UNICEF daily WASH needs dashboard maps the “who, what and where” to inform response gaps and priorities.
- Post-Debris removal coordination has been initiated.

Donations and Pledges Made By Countries/Partners - As at 5:00 p.m. November 8th, 2025

Country	Donations and Pledges	Destination
<i>Commonwealth of the Bahamas</i>	Up to USD 2 million in relief assistance (humanitarian supplies, in-kind support, and direct financial assistance)	Jamaica
<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>European Union</i>	ECHO providing 5 million Euros to support affected countries - Jamaica (2 million Euros), Cuba (2 million Euros), Haiti (1 million Euros) Five EU Member States have offered support through the Emergency Response Coordination Center (ERCC): - FR: 2,000 jerrycans, 500 kits, 1,500 blankets/nets (delivered November 4th). - LU: 2,000 tarps, 12 generators. - ES: deployment of a field hospital the November 5th (EMT-Type 2 including 70 personnel who will be operational 1 month). - BE: 192 generators delivered and 217 more to be delivered November 10th. - DE: 1,520 jerrycans; 1,000 beds; 4,000 filters, PPE & supplies.	Haiti Jamaica Cuba
<i>Guyana</i>	Relief supplies including chainsaws, tarpaulins, and generators valued at approximately USD 101,000	Jamaica
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Relief supplies and financial assistance	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>	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 to support of countries affected by the hurricane through CDEMA's ongoing relief and recovery operations.	CDEMA CU
<i>United States of America</i>	A USD 24 million package of emergency, life-saving assistance for Jamaica (US \$12 million), Haiti (EU \$8.5 million), The Bahamas (US \$500,000), and the people of Cuba (US \$3 million)., to provide emergency shelter, water, sanitation, hygiene, food assistance, and shelter in response to the Hurricane Melissa.	The Bahamas Cuba Haiti Jamaica



**WORLD BANK CATASTROPHE
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100% payout of US \$150 million to JAMAICA

Following the devastation caused by
Hurricane Melissa




THE WORLD BANK



CCRIF TO MAKE RECORD PAYOUT TO JAMAICA

US \$70.8 MILLION (~J \$11.4 BILLION) **31/10/2025**

US \$21.1 MILLION (~J \$3.4 BILLION) **06/11/2025**

**TOTAL PAYOUTS -
US \$91.9 MILLION
(~J \$14.8 BILLION)**




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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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Links to Needs Lists and Other Information:

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

[Official Needs Lists – Jamaica](#)

[Cayman Islands Hurricane Melissa Relief Efforts](#)

[Relief and Logistics TWG Website](#)

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