

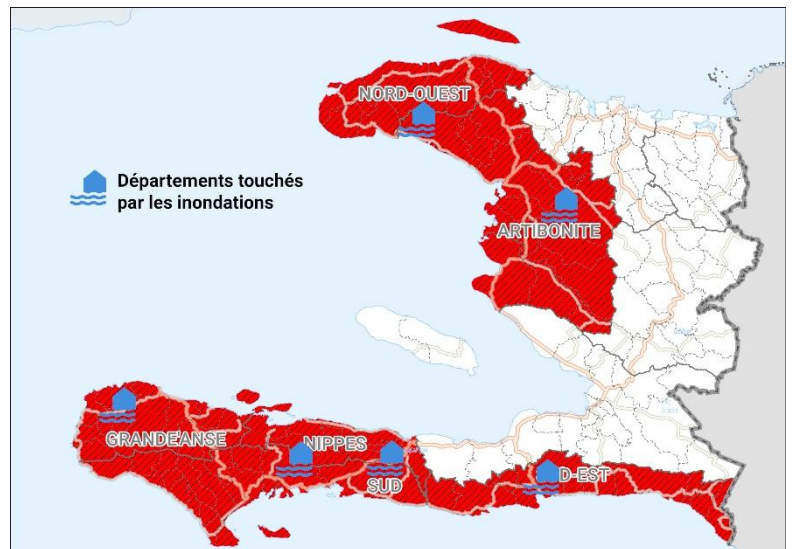
HAITI : Hurricane Melissa

FLASH UPDATE N0.5 – as of 10 November 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 43 deaths, 21 injured, and 13 missing persons reported.
- More than 11,900 houses flooded or damaged.
- Around 16,000 people sought shelter in temporary sites ; 1,749 remain in 10 shelters.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) plans to assist 190,000 people with 1,784 metric tons of food and USD 6.7 million in cash-based transfers (CBT).
- Humanitarian partners have distributed more than 3,000 tarpaulins and 2,000 hygiene kits and continue interventions in water, health, education, and protection sectors.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has expanded its operations, opening five new access points to facilitate the delivery of assistance to the hardest-hit areas.



SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of 3 November, the Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC) reported that Hurricane Melissa caused significant human and material losses across several regions of the country. A total of 43 people lost their lives, 21 were injured, and 13 remain missing. Among the fatalities, 25 occurred in Petit-Goâve (West Department), including 10 children. Over 11,900 houses were flooded, 176 destroyed, and 4,257 damaged to varying degrees. Around 16,000 people had sought refuge in temporary shelters.

According to the DGPC, the departments of South, Grand'Anse, South-East, Nippes, West, Artibonite, and North-West were among the most affected. Road infrastructure sustained severe damage, particularly in Grand'Anse, where several communal sections remain isolated, hampering humanitarian access. The Ministry of Public Works continues debris clearance and repair operations to reopen key routes and facilitate aid delivery.

On the health front, hospitals largely withstood the hurricane, though minor flooding was reported at Les Cayes Hospital and limited damage in Jérémie and Port-de-Paix.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Partners report urgent needs for emergency shelter, safe drinking water, sanitation, food assistance, agricultural recovery support, and medicines.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Community Communication and Awareness

In Grand 'Anse, within the PAER project, HEKS/EPER supported Civil Protection in disseminating early warning messages to remote communities before the hurricane's passage.

Education

UNESCO is supporting Civil Protection in the South and Grand 'Anse to provide psychosocial support to students and school staff.

Priorities include assessing damage in 75 schools used as shelters, distributing materials (boots, vests, caps, megaphones, etc.) to Civil Protection, and conducting psychosocial and awareness sessions in 60 schools across South, Grand 'Anse, and Artibonite.

Food Security

As of 2 November, WFP had assisted 12,700 people with food distributions, in coordination with DGPC and local authorities, prioritizing displaced populations in shelters and hard-to-reach rural areas.

In about 30 shelters, WFP provided 12,600 people with five-day food rations, allowing community kitchens to serve hot meals. A phased approach is being implemented, with 15-day take-home rations followed by one month of cash transfers to reach over 190,000 affected people in Grand'Anse, South, and Nippes.

WFP estimates that around 1.25 million people were affected by the storm, of whom 360,000 require urgent food assistance. WFP plans to assist 190,000 people through in-kind food distributions and cash-based transfers. Funding needs for the food response are estimated at USD 18 million, including USD 6.7 million for CBT and 1,784 metric tons of food.

Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health

UNFPA prepositioned emergency reproductive health kits in 43 health facilities, covering up to 4,200 deliveries and 180 cases of sexual violence. The agency also plans to distribute 4,000 dignity kits and 600 "mama kits."

Mobile integrated GBV/SRH teams, working with partners CDS, FOSREF, World Relief, and Kay Fanm, are providing psychosocial support and services to survivors.

In the South, South-East, Grand'Anse, and West, partners distributed 1,000 dignity kits to 1,000 women and girls. In Petit-Goâve (West), the Fondation Voix des Communautés de Base (FVCB) distributed 200 hygiene kits but reported shortages of water treatment products and dignity kits.

In the Grand South, DKH prepositioned 977 hygiene kits (5,862 people) and 962 shelter kits (5,772 people) through its warehouse in Jacmel. In Carrefour (West), Jeunesse Combattante (JECO) distributed 1,000 dignity kits and 500 hygiene kits, reaching around 2,000 people and conducting awareness activities on GBV.

In Artibonite, Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) reported significant damage in Gros-Morne and Ennery and called for urgent assistance, including hygiene and dignity kits for vulnerable women and families.

Health

UNICEF restored three generators in the South-East, Nippes, and Grand'Anse to ensure continuous power for cold chain equipment supporting the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI).

On 3 November, MDM facilitated medical assistance for four people, including three women, at Notre-Dame Hospital in Petit-Goâve for surgical and ENT care.

Logistics

Ten trucks carrying 325 metric tons of food were dispatched to replenish WFP's warehouse in Nippes and continue food distributions. WFP also supports DGPC with 1,500 food kits and equipment to enhance Internet connectivity.

UNHAS has scaled up its operations and opened five new access points to facilitate the humanitarian response to Hurricane Melissa.

With support from ECHO, WFP conducted an airbridge operation between Panama and Haiti to transport materials for IOM, UNICEF, and PAHO/WHO to address needs following Hurricane Melissa.

Protection

With support from the Institute of Social Welfare and Research (IBESR), UNICEF mobilized 10 interns to strengthen child protection activities in the South once conditions allow.

Mobile teams from IBESR, supported by UNICEF, are conducting rapid assessments of child protection needs, including in children's homes and foster families.

From 2 to 4 November, Médecins du Monde (MDM) provided psychosocial support to 13 people sheltered in the Papa Numa collective center. In parallel, psychosocial activities were conducted for 15 vulnerable children, involving a psychologist and two facilitators to raise awareness and identify people in need of mental health support.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

As part of the Damage and Needs Assessments (EDAB), a rapid shelter damage survey was conducted by DGPC in Nippes on 3 November with technical support from cluster partners including Mercy Corps, OVDDHMO, APRONHA, CORE, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In Petit-Goâve (West), Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) and its local partner RODEP distributed 500 shelter kits and 500 hygiene kits to 500 households (2,647 people).

In the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, partners continue to install tarpaulins in displacement sites affected by the hurricane. Nearly 3,000 tarpaulins have been distributed and installed across 30 sites and host communities by cluster partners including ACTED, APRONHA, ASHAPE, ATREPA, CESVI, ICDH, and IOM.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The National Directorate for Drinking Water and Sanitation (DINEPA), through its Southern Regional Office (OREPA Sud), conducted a rapid needs assessment in shelters across the southern departments. Five water systems were damaged. Priority actions include restoring safe water supply and desludging septic tanks.

An increased risk of cholera has been reported, with around 20 suspected cases and seven deaths in Grand-Gosier and Belle-Anse. In Petit-Goâve, 800 hygiene kits were mobilized by DKH (500) and UNICEF (300).

On 1 November, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), and DKH, in partnership with RODEP, distributed 1,000 hygiene kits to families affected by Tropical Storm Melissa in Petit-Goâve.

Coordination

From 5 to 6 November 2025, a joint mission by WFP, UNICEF, and OCHA, led by the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), visited Petit-Goâve and Miragoâne to assess the hurricane's impacts. Priorities identified include cleaning, health, psychosocial support, cash assistance, and reconstruction. In Nippes, the focus is on agricultural support. Despite ongoing mobilization, needs remain high.

In the Grand South, OCHA continues to support Civil Protection to ensure coordination of the response. Following the hurricane, six departments — South, Grand'Anse, South-East, Nippes, West, and North-West — are currently undergoing EDAB assessments to identify disaster impacts and prioritize humanitarian responses.

Field teams have mobilized multiple humanitarian and development partners to facilitate EDAB exercises, providing logistical and technical support to departmental authorities.

Close monitoring of the humanitarian situation in Petit-Goâve is ongoing. On 4 November, field visits were conducted in the four southern departments and Petit-Goâve to strengthen local coordination and support resource mobilization for priority interventions.

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