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Hurricane Melissa - Jamaica - Operation One Love

Headline: First Helicopters of Humanitarian Aid Arrive in Jamaica from the United States
Sub-Headline: Teams Set up Work to Address Critical Needs, Including Communication

The first helicopters with humanitarian aid and medical professionals will arrive in Jamaica tomorrow, October 29, one day after Hurricane Melissa brought devastation to the island. A group of humanitarian professionals have organized to deliver lifesaving assistance following in the aftermath of the Category 5 storm, which was the strongest hurricane to ever hit the island.

A coordinated airlift and logistics partnership will deliver immediate and sustained disaster response capabilities in support of the Government of Jamaica and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM). The group executing the operation is formed of concerned American citizens, and is led by Haiti Air Ambulance, MEDIC Corps, Lift Nonprofit Disaster Logistics, and Development Impact Global Group (DIGG).

The group will leverage its network of aircraft, helicopters, vessels, and ground transport to deliver first responders, critical supplies, and emergency equipment to communities affected by the storm.

“After disasters like Hurricane Melissa, logistics often become the biggest barrier to timely aid,” said Michael Rettig, Preseident at LIFT. “Our goal is to remove that barrier — ensuring responders, generators, tarps, hygiene kits, and other essential supplies reach those in need as quickly as possible.”

The group is working closely with local authorities, international NGOs, and partners such as Church World Service and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) to coordinate the safe and efficient transport of relief supplies.

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