OPERATION ONE LOVE

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Hurricane Melissa - Jamaica - Operation One Love

Headline: Operation One Love Deliver Food and Water by Sling-load to Most Affected Areas
Sub-Headline: Over 65 Starlinks, powered by solar generators, have been set up by the team

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One week after Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica, the World Food Program is estimating that up to 359,000 people are in need of emergency food assistance. Access to some affected communities is only possible by air, with many roads still blocked due to the storm. With the coordination of Operation One Love Team, its partners and the Jamaica Defense Force, delivering life-saving resources including food and water was able to continue today.

Yesterday alone, Operation One Love consortium member, Medic Corps, delivered 7,400 lbs of food and 34 cases of water to the hardest-hit communities via sling-load, which allows mass amounts of aid to reach isolated communities quickly. These distributions have been critical in the response efforts as some hospitals have reported only a 3-5 day food supply.

Continuing with the effort of increasing communications across Jamaica, over 65 Starlinks powered by solar generators have been distributed to impacted communities, connecting schools, health centers, and shelters to each other, as well as to aid groups and emergency responders. This has been vital in ensuring the urgent needs of Jamaica are effectively responded to and critical resources are deployed as efficiently as possible. Being the first NGO consortium operating out of Montego Bay, Operation One Love has developed a picture of humanitarian needs throughout Western Jamaica and the team is continuing to meet them.

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