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Hurricane Melissa - Jamaica - Operation One Love

Headline: Operation One Love Have Reached Over 600,000 of Those Impacted By The Hurricane
Sub-Headline: Operations Expected To Ramp Up As More Helicopters Arrive

Image Credit: Alaythia Wissmann, Medic Corps

Over two weeks ago, Category 5 Hurricane Melissa caused almost $8 billion USD in damages to Jamaica. The country has triggered the full amount of its $150 million catastrophe bond issued by the World Bank in 2024, which offers Jamaica financial protection against specified natural disasters. But that is only a fraction of how much is needed to help the people of Jamaica recover and rebuild.

As of November 11, Operation One Love has reached over 620,000 people impacted by Hurricane Melissa, and is scaling up operations to ensure no person or community is left behind. Our combination of air and ground transport of goods means that we are able to reach the most vulnerable communities, including those who other aid groups have not been able to reach since the storm hit.

As of the morning of November 15, 8,301 food kits and 4,800 cases of water, 655 tarps and 1,205 hygiene kits have been moved through the Montego Bay hangar operated by the consortium, and distributed by team members and outside partners to affected communities. With incoming rain forecasted, urgent supplies for shelter, such as tarps and hygiene kits, are increasingly needed in affected communities. In addition to the provision of in-kind aid, the team has connected and powered health centers and provided medical services working hand-in-hand with Jamaican Defense Force doctors.

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The team at Operation One Love is thankful for all partnering organizations and private donors who have made our efforts possible. The support to the Government and people of Jamaica that the consortium has provided would not be possible without your generous and ongoing support.

This work is profoundly impactful, and we are thankful to all of those responding in Jamaica and to the wider humanitarian community. On November 10 a pilot and his daughter, who were not working for the consortium, but were on a relief trip to Jamaica, devastatingly passed away. The team at Operation One Love extends condolences and prayers to the family of Alexander Wurm and his daughter, Serena. "Throughout his life, Alex travelled extensively, reaching various countries and continents, where he tirelessly worked to bring faith, compassion, and support to those in need. His legacy of faith and compassion touched countless lives" - Ignite the Fire, Alexander's humanitarian organization.

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