

# THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE MELISSA IN JAMAICA



Hurricane Melissa made landfall on Jamaica's southwestern coast on October 28, 2025, wrecking the parishes of Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth with record-breaking winds up to 185mph.

Communities have been devastated—homes flattened, roofs torn away, and roads rendered impassable—severely hampering rescue and medical access.

Hurricane Melissa has disrupted services island-wide, damaging hospitals, cutting electricity and water, and halting routine blood drives when needed most.

There has been “significant damage” to at least four major hospitals: Noel Holmes in Hanover, Black River in St Elizabeth, Cornwall Regional in St James, and Falmouth in Trelawny.

## WHERE TO READ MORE

[The Jamaica Gleaner](#)  
[Newsweek](#)  
[Jamaica Observer](#)  
[Bloomberg](#)

[Official Jamaica Disaster Relief & Recovery Portal](#)

As of November 3, the official death toll in Jamaica stood at 32, including nine deaths in Westmoreland and eight in St. Elizabeth, with dozens injured and thousands displaced into temporary shelters.

### What can we do to help?

**Donate or volunteer with organizations responding to this natural disaster:**

1. Global Empowerment Mission
2. The American Friends of Jamaica
3. World Central Kitchen

[Read the testimony of an Internal Medicine Resident during Hurricane Melissa](#)