

Cuba

Melissa crossed southeastern Cuba on 29 October as a Category 3 hurricane, bringing winds up to 195 km/h, rainfall above 377 mm, and storm surges reaching 2–3 metres along the Santiago de Cuba coast. Approximately 735,000 people were evacuated across eight eastern provinces, with the worst damage in Santiago de Cuba, Granma, Holguín, and Guantánamo, where thousands of homes were destroyed and entire communities cut off by landslides and floods. Despite the storm's intensity, no official fatalities were reported—reflecting Cuba's strong preparedness systems—but millions remain affected by widespread power outages, damaged hospitals, and agricultural losses.

Haiti

In Haiti, Melissa brought intense rainfall and flooding from 24–26 October, particularly across the southern departments of Sud, Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud-Est. Authorities issued a Red Alert, with over 4.5 million people exposed to heavy rainfall and river flooding. At least three deaths and one injury were reported, alongside localized landslides, damaged crops, and livestock losses in Mapou and Belle-Anse. Agriculture-dependent communities face heightened food insecurity as floodwaters destroyed maize, bean, and plantain fields. Humanitarian agencies pre-positioned shelter, WASH, and health supplies, with WFP, IOM, and FAO supporting evacuation, anticipatory cash transfers, and rapid livelihood recovery.

Jamaica

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025 as a Category 5 hurricane, the strongest to strike the island this century. Winds exceeding 230 km/h and storm surges above 4–5 metres devastated southern and western parishes including Westmoreland, St Elizabeth, Clarendon, and Manchester, with widespread flooding in Montego Bay and Kingston. Around 1.6 million people were directly affected and thousands displaced, with severe damage to homes, schools, roads, and power infrastructure. Agricultural and fishing livelihoods were heavily disrupted, compounding the socio-economic impact across already vulnerable communities.

KEY FIGURES

5M

PEOPLE AFFECTED

Cuba 2.2M, Haiti 1.2M,
Jamaica 1.6M

75

DEATHS

Haiti 43,
Jamaica 32

134

INJURED

Cuba 17, Haiti 21,
Jamaica 96

145k

PEOPLE IN TEMPORARY
SHELTERS

Cuba 120k, Haiti 15.8k,
Jamaica 25k

778.9k

PEOPLE DISPLACED

Cuba 735k, Haiti 13.9k,
Jamaica 30k

DESTRUCTION & DAMAGE

HOUSES

188k

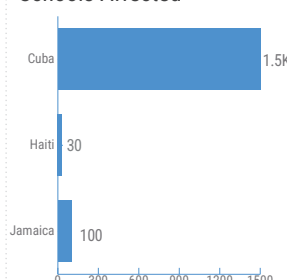
Houses damaged in Cuba (70k),
Haiti (12.2k) and Jamaica (116k)

HURRICANE PATH AND IMPACT

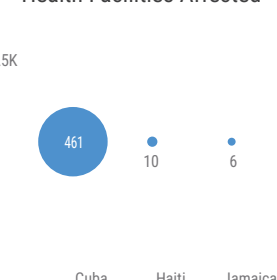


SCHOOLS AND HEALTH FACILITIES

Schools Affected

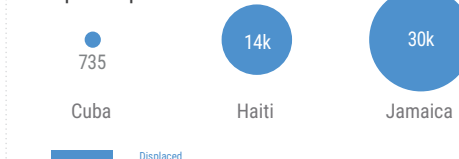


Health Facilities Affected

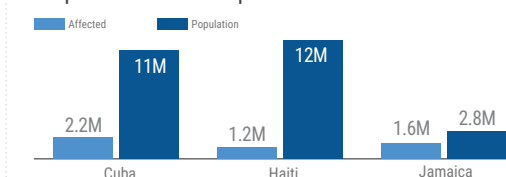


AFFECTED AND DISPLACED

People Displaced



People Affected vs Population



SCHOOLS

1.66k

Schools affected in Cuba (1.5k),
Haiti (30) and Jamaica (100)

HEALTH FACILITIES

477

Health facilities affected in Cuba (461),
Haiti (10) and Jamaica (6)

LIVESTOCK

16.2k

Livestock losses in Cuba (16.2k)