



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CONVENED TO COORDINATE RELIEF AND SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE MELISSA

Upon the instructions of the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar S.C., M.P., Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising Ministers from key Ministries has been established to coordinate national relief and support efforts for those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

A meeting held today, brought together Permanent Secretaries to advance relief activities and follows a meeting of Ministers and the Prime Minister yesterday, 28 October 2025; and a preliminary meeting held on 27 October 2025 by the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and the Minister of Defence with representatives of several private sector organisations in Trinidad and Tobago.

The meeting today brought together Permanent Secretaries from the following Ministries:

- The Office of the Prime Minister
- Foreign and CARICOM Affairs
- Finance
- Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence

- Social Development and Family Services
- Health
- Land and Legal Affairs

- Public Utilities
- Homeland Security
- Defence
- Works and Infrastructure
- Trade, Investment and Tourism
- Transport and Civil Aviation and
- Rural Development and Local Government

The Committee will be coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, led by the Honourable Sean Sobers, M.P., Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs. This coordinated effort underscores the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to regional solidarity and its readiness to provide timely and effective support to countries impacted by Hurricane Melissa.

The Committee will continue to assess the situation closely and mobilise appropriate assistance, working in collaboration with regional partners and agencies to ensure that relief reaches those most in need.

The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs through the High Commission of Trinidad and Tobago in Kingston has also contacted Trinidad and Tobago nationals including students living in Jamaica to ascertain the status of all persons. The High Commission has reported that all nationals are safe.

Members of the public can make donations of non-perishable items (with a shelf life of no less than 3 months) to any of the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations from **October 30 to November 4** between the hours of **8:00am and 4:00pm**.

Municipal Corporations

- Arima Borough Corporation
- Chaguanas Borough Corporation
- Couva/Tabaquite/Talpara Regional Corporation
- Diego Martin Borough Corporation
- Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation
- Penal/Debe Regional Corporation
- Princes Town Regional Corporation
- Point Fortin Borough Corporation
- Port of Spain City Corporation
- San Fernando City Corpor
- Sangre Grande Regional Corporation
- San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation
- Siparia Borough Corporation
- Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation

Tobago

- **Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)**
Fairfield Complex, Bacolet Street, Tobago
- **TEMA Warehouse**
Signal Hill, Tobago

Donations from the private sector can be dropped off at the following collection point:

- **Port of Point**
Lisas Sheds #1
and #2, Amazon
Drive, Point
Lisas

Additionally, financial donations can be made to the Disaster Relief Fund via the details below:

T&T National Disaster Relief Fund First

Citizens Bank

Account No. 3154684

Donations can be made at any branch and via online transfers.

Further updates will be communicated as they become available.

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