

IFRC Disaster Snapshot #3 – 1 week

Hurricane Melissa | Cuba

People in Need

2.2M

NFIs mobilized

20 Ton

NS Volunteers
Responding

1,777

The IFRC has approved a **997,991 CHF DREF as initial funding for the emergency response** that forms part of the 15M CHF EA launched on October 31. The Disaster Risk Management Coordinator for the Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti IFRC Country Cluster Office is in country to provide support to the National Society. An Operation Coordinator is in the Surge pipeline, as well as a Supply Chain Coordinator. See the IFRC [GO platform](#) for more information.



Mental Health & Psychosocial support

- The Cuban Red Cross has provided psychosocial support from the initial phase of the emergency.
- Psychological first aid in vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities is being offered by the National Society, to channel and control emotions in the face of these events and ensure the preservation of life.



Shelter

- Cuban Red Cross pre-positioned and dispatched **1,000 family relief kits** from Havana to secure warehouses in the eastern provinces.
- Support provided by the National Society in **35 evacuation centers**.
- The Cuban Red Cross has reached **101,554** people in evacuation centers and **100,781** in **self-evacuated and neighbors' homes**.
- Receipt and processing of search requests to Restore Family Links (**RFL**) is ongoing.



Other Actions by Cuban Red Cross

- Life-threatening rescue and recovery operations. The Cuban Red Cross has rescued people trapped by rising rivers and will continue to provide lifesaving assistance to those most affected.
- Support in damage assessment and needs identification in coordination with the Territorial Defense Councils.
- Support to the Cuban fire department.



IFRC Actions

- 2 surge alerts in the pipeline.
- IFRC delivered **20 tons of IFRC's humanitarian aid** — kitchen sets, hygiene kits, blankets, solar lamps, shelter tool kits, and jerrycans, to Santiago de Cuba
- An **additional IFRC shipment** is on its way to Cuba.



Cuban Red Cross volunteers carry out search and rescue operations in Granma



HURRICANE MELISSA

100,000
people will be
supported in Cuba by
the IFRC's Emergency
Appeal for CHF 15
million.

- Melissa made landfall in eastern Cuba as a Category 3 hurricane on 28 October.
- 2.7 million people were exposed to its life-threatening winds and rain.
- The first 20 tons of humanitarian aid from IFRC arrived in Santiago de Cuba on 2 November.

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