



Independent Fiscal Commission Extends Deepest Sympathies to the People of Jamaica

The Independent Fiscal Commission (IFC) extends its deepest sympathies and profound solidarity to the people of Jamaica following the devastating passage of Hurricane Melissa.

Mr. Courtney H. Williams, Fiscal Commissioner, stated: "Our thoughts are with every family and community that has suffered loss, disruption, and damage. We recognize the immense emotional and material toll this catastrophic event has taken on our nation. Jamaica is known for its resilience, and we have absolute faith in the strength and spirit of our people to overcome this adversity."

The IFC's Essential Role in Recovery

The IFC's independent mandate is now crucial to ensuring a transparent and fiscally responsible recovery.

As required by law, the Commission will thoroughly assess with a view to validate the overall impact of Hurricane Melissa on the fiscal accounts. We recognize this is a severe natural disaster that may necessitate a time-bound suspension of the fiscal rules to facilitate urgent, life-saving, and necessary relief, recovery and reconstruction effort.

Gratitude and Commitment

Commissioner Williams offered the Commission's sincere and profound gratitude to the thousands of individuals involved in the ongoing rescue, relief, and recovery operations.

"To the first responders, the emergency services, the security forces, the medical teams, and the countless public servants and volunteers, your courage, dedication, and tireless efforts have been truly heroic," Mr. Williams added. "The IFC also thank the slate of local and international partners, civil society organizations, and the private sector for their immediate and invaluable support. This unified effort is a powerful testament of the Jamaican spirit."