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PRESS RELEASE

Relief Supplies Dispatched for Belizean Students Following Hurricane Melissa

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The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture and Immigration, has dispatched hurricane relief supplies to Belizean students studying in Jamaica following the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa.

The assistance will benefit approximately seventy-five (75) students and includes essential personal hygiene items and canned food supplies. This first relief consignment was transported aboard a Jamaica Defence Force aircraft that had been dispatched to Belize for safe harbour during the passage of the storm. Distribution of the supplies is being undertaken by Ms. Elecif Arthurs, Belize's Honorary Consul in Kingston. The Government has also provided assistance for Belizean students in Santiago de Cuba, coordinated by the Embassy of Belize in Havana, Cuba.

Hon. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture and Immigration, stated, *"We are deeply grateful to the Government of Jamaica for their care and support to our students during Hurricane Melissa. Belize remains committed to ensuring their well-being and stands in solidarity with Jamaica during its recovery."*

The Ministry further informs that all Belizean students who weathered the storm in Jamaica and Cuba are well and accounted for.

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