



## Press Release

October 28, 2025

### **Joint Chambers Mobilise Business Community for Hurricane Melissa Relief**

The Trinidad & Tobago private sector has always responded to disasters, both here in T&T and throughout the Caribbean. We have provided relief items, equipment, supplies and expertise in post-disaster situations, working with national authorities, our private sector partners in other countries and respected NGOs.

We are committed to best practices in post-disaster relief, ensuring that all support whether in supplies or financial assistance, directly addresses the identified needs of affected communities. We welcome contributions from the business community in any form: donations of essential relief supplies or financial contributions to procure and deliver priority items efficiently. Both forms of support are equally vital in ensuring aid reaches those in need swiftly and effectively.

Financial contributions allow relief agencies to procure the specific items that are required at the right time. The Joint Chambers have established a relief account that can accept donations, and which can be used to disburse funds as needed to respected NGOs with an excellent track record or to procure specific items on approved national “needs lists” published by national response agencies (such as Office of Disaster Preparedness Management).

This account is under the direct joint control of the CEOs of:

1. AmCham T&T
2. Energy Chamber of Trinidad & Tobago
3. Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
4. Trinidad & Tobago Manufacturers Association

Disbursements are made after unanimous agreement and reported to the respective Boards of the four associations.

The account details are as follows:

**Beneficiary Name:** The Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago / Joint Chambers

**Currency:** TTD

**Bank:** First Citizens Bank Limited, Pt Lisas

**Account Number:** 2818368

**Account Type:** Chequing

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**Currency:** USD

**Bank:** First Citizens Bank Limited, Pt Lisas

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**Account Type:** Savings

Please email [ceo@energy.tt](mailto:ceo@energy.tt) with details of any donations made.

Members wishing to contribute hurricane relief donations will be advised by the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) on the designated drop-off locations.

Suggested donation items include:

- Bedding foam / sleeping mats
- Batteries
- Cots
- Flashlights
- Lanterns (solar and battery)
- Mattresses
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Ropes / bungee cords
- Tarpaulins
- Mobile storage units / quick erect shelters
- Buckets with lids
- Collapsible water storage containers
- Heavy-duty garbage bags
- Hygiene kits (family and personal)
- Water purification kits and tablets
- Water storage tanks
- Chainsaws
- Dump trucks, excavators, forklifts
- Fuel containers
- Hammers, sledgehammers, spades, shovels
- Hand trolleys and wheelbarrows
- Heavy-duty gloves, hard hats, rain gear, safety vests, safety goggles
- Portable generators and floodlights
- Hard-toe boots and water boots
- First aid kits
- Disposable gloves, masks, gowns

- Medical waste bags
- Oxygen masks, regulators, and cylinders
- Nebulisers and humidifiers
- Thermometers
- Splints, stretchers, backboards
- Mattresses (medical)
- Wheelchairs and cots
- Portable field hospitals and trauma kits
- Bottled drinking water
- Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs)
- Non-perishable food items
- Disposable utensils, plates, and food containers
- Portable stoves / butane burners and fuel canisters
- Towels and washcloths
- Soap and toiletries
- Sanitary napkins, baby and adult diapers
- Sheets, blankets, and small mattresses
- Cleaning materials (brooms, mops, squeegees, disinfectant, bleach)
- Assorted fruit and vegetable seeds
- Livestock feed and veterinary supplies
- Farming tools (hoes, machetes, shovels, sprayers)
- Greenhouse materials (plastic sheeting, potting mix, netting)
- Power banks, solar kits, and battery packs
- Cargo straps and storage bins
- Portable lighting towers
- Portable refrigeration units and cold storage igloos
- Satellite phones and communication equipment