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# An Urgent Message from the Peoples Forum for Hurricane Melissa Relief

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Dear subscribers, colleagues, and friends:

Right now, the people of Cuba are facing an unprecedented crisis: crippling electrical blackouts, the relentless weight of the U.S. blockade, and now the arrival of Hurricane Melissa. We are sending urgently-needed food, clean water, and supplies to the island—and we need your help

This hurricane is not merely a severe storm; it is a catastrophic event that has shredded infrastructure and left entire communities in life-threatening conditions. But this natural disaster is amplified exponentially by a man-made catastrophe.

For over six decades, the U.S. blockade has choked the Cuban economy, preventing access to essential goods, medicines, and the materials needed for recovery. This policy of strangulation has been devastatingly intensified by measures put in place under the Trump administration and championed by figures like Marco Rubio.

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The direct result of this cruel policy is staggering: the blockade has cost the Cuban people an estimated \$7.5 billion in damages in the last year alone. This deliberate economic warfare prevents Cuba from acquiring the necessities they need right now to survive, including generators, building materials, food, and drinking water.

The resilience of the Cuban people is undeniable, having endured 65 years of economic blockade, but Hurricane Melissa has created an even more challenging situation. The Cuban people urgently need solidarity from us around the world. We have a profound responsibility to act and to deliver urgent, life-saving aid directly to the Cuban people.

Our immediate goal is to raise \$50,000 to send essential food, clean drinking water, and supplies to the areas affected by the hurricane. Every dollar you donate is a lifeline to the Cuban people in this urgent and challenging moment. Please donate what you can today. Rally your community, and let's prove that humanity and neighborly love are stronger than any blockade.

The Hurricane Melissa Relief donation drive is a collaborative effort between The People's Forum, IFCO/Pastors for Peace, The Hatuey Project, The ANSWER Coalition, and The Party for Socialism & Liberation, in partnership with The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center (CMMLK) in Cuba.

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