

SHELTER WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes 5 November 2025

Participant Organizations:

University of Technology, Jamaica
Good360
Red Cross
CRS/Caritas
Core
Tech Assist

Cadena
Island City Lab
Mercy Corps
Samaritans Purse
Conversa corps
Food Fort the Poor

US Department of State
IOM
IsraAid
ShelterBox
Hazard Management Cayman Islands
Ger 3

Meeting Summary

- Jan Willem Wegdam and Alexandra Bates discussed satellite-based data on affected populations, highlighting St. James and Trelawny as the most impacted areas, with a focus on the number of people who lost roofs or whose homes were damaged.
- Alex explained that current data on residential building damage is fragmented and Copernicus coverage is incomplete, but more communities are being mapped, and updates are expected soon.
- During the meeting a Mentimeter exercise was conducted to identify planned and ongoing activities by parish, aiming to avoid duplication. Results in the table below.
- Jan proposed an area-based response approach, suggesting a focus on affected communities rather than just emergency shelters, to provide more comprehensive support.
- The formation of a technical working group to develop a shelter response plan was announced, inviting specialists from organizations to help create a coordinated approach.
- Jan stressed the importance of coordinating activities with agencies in each parish, promoting the use of the OCHA contact list, and maintaining regular shelter sector working group meetings to ensure an effective and collaborative response.

SHELTER WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES - JAMAICA

	WESTMORELAND	HANOVER	SAINT JAMES	TREWLANY	SAINT ELIZABETH	SAINT ANN	MANCHESTER
ISRAAID	Protection/ MHPSS		Protection/ MHPSS/ Wash/ Soft Wash				
IOM	NFI, Emergency Shelter	Emergency Shelter/ NFI	NFI/ Emergency Shelter	Emergency Shelter NFI			
TECH ASSIST	House Repairs						
CORE	House Repairs/ NFI				NFI/ CBI/ House Repair		
FOOD FOR THE POOR		House Repair/ NFI		House Repair/ NFI	House Repair/ NFI	House Repair/ NFI	House Repair/ NFI
CONVERSACORPS							
GER 3					Debris removal/ House Repairs		
SAMARITAN'S PURSE					Shelter/ NFI		

If you would like to enter/edit your activities please Access this link: [Shelter Activities.xlsx](#)

Action Points:

- A government-requested shelter response plan is being developed. Technical specialists are invited to join a working group for short- and medium-term planning. Contact Jan Willem Wegdan: jwegdam@iom.int
- Register your incoming NFIs to the control tower by filling out the [Control Tower Upstream Template](#) and sending to alishah.jamal@wfp.org and dan.cemachovic@wfp.org
- If you would like to join the whatsapp Shelter group, you may do so by clicking here: [Join Group](#)