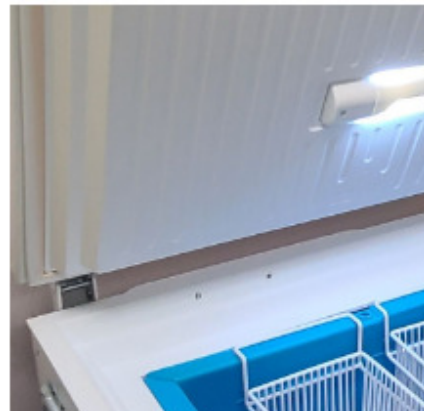


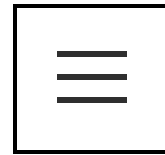
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# Healthcare in Barbados

RMI, Clara Lionel Foundation, and the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MHW), with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, successfully demonstrated how solar can power critical medical services in Barbadian health clinics during and after extreme weather.

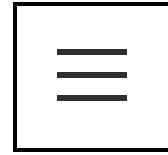
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**Bridgetown, Barbados, September 26** – Today, the Ministry of Health and Wellness celebrates the official commissioning of 25 hybrid solar- and battery-powered cold storage systems at 10 health clinics that went online in August, enhancing critical medical services to tens of

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and other therapies.



**"Access to solar-powered cold storage at the health clinics across Barbados is a great initiative. It not only allows for reliable refrigeration, even during an island wide power outage, but also it has strengthened our confidence in our vaccine services at our facilities. We are better able to focus energy on supporting our clients and the community during adverse weather events."**

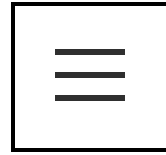
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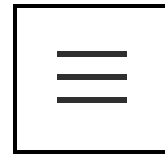
energy solutions with the goal of enhancing local climate resilience, lowering energy costs, and creating a prosperous, national economy.

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**"Climate resilience is most impactful when planned and implemented through a community-centered approach. By installing resilient, renewable-powered cold storage units at health clinics across Barbados, the project protects sensitive medicines and vaccines, including from weather-related disruptions."**

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[regarding an increase in the frequency and severity of hurricanes](#), it is integral to replicate the model of clean, resilient power at critical facilities, supporting the health and well-being of communities locally and across the Caribbean.

With generous support from Direct Relief, a humanitarian aid organization, SunDanzer, the manufacturer of the hybrid refrigerators, and Goldfield Solar, a Barbadian renewable energy company, the systems were implemented at 10 health clinics across Barbados:

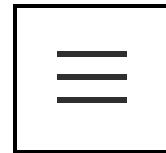
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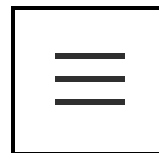
**"One of our primary goals was to showcase how successful stakeholder collaboration can support the building of a more resilient environment and scaling clean energy. And not just in Barbados, but also in the broader region. It is our hope that the project has the ability to direct more focus to other entities for funding of similar projects throughout the Caribbean."**

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**intensity, Direct Relief is committed to providing communities in Barbados and across the Caribbean region with resilient power infrastructure. These systems ensure uninterrupted healthcare for those most vulnerable, allowing vital healthcare services to transform lives and safeguard our communities."**

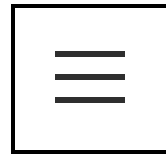
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and Clara Lionel Foundation (CLF) invests in climate justice and climate resilience initiatives in the Caribbean & United States and helps communities prepare for and withstand natural disasters.

### About Direct Relief

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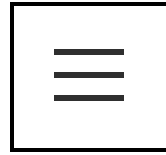
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