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In 2024, the Commission allocated a total of EUR 4.4 million in humanitarian assistance to Cuba. The Commission has closely followed the impacts of recent hurricanes and earthquakes, compounding an already dire situation in the country. A humanitarian expert was deployed to assess the needs after the disasters stroke. The Commission supported the emergency response with further EUR 3.9 million. In addition, it deployed a humanitarian airbridge to transport more than 100 tons of humanitarian supplies from the United Nations, EU, and Spanish stocks in five flights, providing relief to populations affected by hurricane Oscar. Furthermore, it allocated EUR 500 000 in humanitarian aid to respond to urgent health needs due to medicine shortages across the country. The EU stands ready to provide additional humanitarian aid based on assessments of new needs.

In a longer-term perspective, the EU will continue to provide support under the Multiannual Indicative Programme 2021-2027¹ and through the Global Gateway² to strengthen development and resilience. This includes programmes in crucial sectors such as water and sanitation, and energy. The EU has a longstanding cooperation in both sectors and through the Global Gateway there is potential for European investments on renewable energy infrastructure.

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/31833263-a4e0-4027-b987-83ac795275d9_en?filename=mip-2021-c2021-9130-cuba-annex_en.pdf

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en