

Canadian Forces Engineers focus on bridge construction to reconnect Newfoundland communities during Operation LAMA (A) 02-10



Canadian Forces Engineers from 4 Engineer Support Regiment, in Gagetown, New Brunswick and 56 Engineer Squadron, from St. John's Newfoundland, assemble a medium girder bridge (MGB) on 28 September 2010 to reconnect the small community of Trouty, Newfoundland during Operation LAMA (A) 02-10.

Photo: Master Corporal Angela Abbey, Canadian Forces Combat Camera

On the eighth day following Hurricane Igor, which ripped through Newfoundland on 21 September 2010, life is now gradually returning to normal in the province and [Canadian Forces](#) (CF) members deployed on Operation LAMA (A) 2010 are working swiftly to reconnect Newfoundland communities that were severely affected when bridges were destroyed during the storm.

CF engineering teams from 4 Engineer Support Regiment, in Gagetown, New Brunswick and 56 Engineer Squadron, from St. John's Newfoundland, are currently installing a [medium girder bridge \(MGB\)](#) to reconnect the small community of Trouty, Newfoundland. The main bridge to the community was destroyed during Hurricane Igor. The CF is also conducting reconnaissance on two other bridges that were damaged near the town of Clarenville. The Burin and Bonavista Peninsulas both received extensive damage when Hurricane Igor swept through.

Operation LAMA (A) 02-10 is the Canadian Forces (CF) joint response led by Canada Command and conducted through Joint Task Force Atlantic (JTFA) to the devastation caused by Hurricane Igor to southern and eastern Newfoundland on 21 September 2010. The domestic humanitarian relief mission incorporated Canadian Forces land, maritime and air assets to deliver much needed assistance to isolated Newfoundland communities cut off by severe road damage.

More than 800 members from the Air, Land and Maritime components of the CF, in coordination with the Federal Government of Canada and the Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, are engaged in multiple tasks on Op LAMA (A) 02-10, including: delivering critical supplies such as food, water, medical supplies and fuel; providing medical evacuation; assisting in moving power crews and materials to repair power grids; delivering generators and re-supplying fuel to main communications nodes; assisting with bridging and road repair and transporting engineering analysis teams.

[Canada Command](#) is responsible for Canadian Forces routine and contingency operations in Canada and North America. It is supported by six regional commands located in regions across the country and stands ready to deploy the CF when and where they are needed. Maritime, land, and air immediate response teams situated in all regions of the country are ready to move on short notice, and thousands of full- and part-time military personnel can quickly be mobilized as required. In the conduct of domestic operations, the Command also coordinates civil and humanitarian aid (disaster relief) when requested. The CF operates and exercises regularly with other government departments such as Public Safety Canada, Health Canada, RCMP, Emergency Measures Organizations and others, to meet Canada's public safety and security challenges. Operation LAMA is the official name designated by the Canadian Forces for CF domestic operations involving military response following hurricanes in Canada.