



# Hurricane Melissa Impact Report

As of January 1, 2026

Following the passage of Hurricane Melissa on October 28th 2025, Jamaica experienced an unprecedented degree of destruction and damage, encompassing a financial toll that is currently estimated by the World Bank at USD 8.8 billion. No stranger to the effects of natural disaster (Hurricane Beryl hit St. Elizabeth just 16 months prior), BREDS delivered immediate relief to the eight districts that comprise the Treasure Beach community, but also to the hardest hit neighboring communities to the West. Currently BREDS has moved into Phase II and III of the recovery process, with a focus on building back livelihoods in the community. **Below is an impact report that highlights the varied work BREDS has undertaken as of the final days of 2025. BREDS looks forward to even more success and positive changes in the community for 2026!**



**Since November 28th 2025 BREDS has focused its efforts in building back the livelihoods of the greater Treasure Beach region...**

**300+ grants were distributed through the Breds Hospitality Relief Fund to Treasure Beach based hospitality workers.** Based on an application system, hospitality workers in the area were able to receive funds to help offset the lack of income during the building back period.

**17 Small Business Grants were awarded to local small businesses to assist in building back after the storm.** These businesses ranging from restaurants to small wellness

centers to tours are the backbone of Treasure Beach. With the help of grant funds, these varied businesses can bounce back quicker creating a vibrant and prosperous atmosphere in the Treasure Beach region again.

**12 Truckloads of hurricane related waste and debris was collected in the Treasure Beach area.** Sponsored by Breds, this waste collection helped fill a crucial gap during the pause in regular garbage collection.

**100 solar lights were sponsored and installed by BREDS in order to continue to promote community safety.** In addition Breds sponsored a security patrol through the entire community to ensure safety and order.

**400+ farmers have received vouchers to local farm stores to purchase much needed farm supplies.** Many of the vouchers, particularly in the heavily farmed area of Flagaman, were given in partnership with the NCB Foundation. These vouchers provide

business to local farm stores, and offer local farmers a leg up on replanting crops that were destroyed in the storm.

**620 rolls of fishing wire have been donated and distributed by BREDS, in an effort to kickstart the local fishing industry, one of the foundational livelihoods of the community.** Breds has also been able to help other fisherfolk with wire donations as far afield as White House, a neighboring fishing community in Westmoreland hit particularly hard by the storm.

**Breds is a non-profit community organization based in Treasure Beach, Jamaica. Run primarily by volunteers, and funded entirely by donations, partnerships, and sponsors, Breds has worked alongside Treasure Beach residents to strengthen the community for nearly three decades. Throughout the years, Breds has established successful sport, education, youth development, and health initiatives in the community that are well known both locally and internationally for their grassroots, personalized approach.**

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## REBUILDING HEARTS + SOULS

2025-2026

### Rebuilding Hearts + Souls

With the tremendous learnings and success of BREDS' "Building Back Better" efforts after Hurricane Beryl, BREDS has now focused its post-Melissa efforts on a four phase plan of relief for the community. BREDS capacity is tied to the amount of incoming donations, and as such the organization prioritizes the areas with highest need in our community. While BREDS may not be able to meet every request, the team works with care, fairness, and transparency to assist as many families as possible.

We would like to thank our partners, donors and wider community, without whom we could not have achieved all the work. There are countless individual donors who have contributed to Breds at this time online, in kind, and through the AFJ. We are so grateful.

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## Breds Four Phases Of Relief

### Phase I

#### Critical Needs/Emergency Relief

As of December 30, 2025 this Phase is finished.

This phase primarily entails the collection and distribution of water, food, generators, and Starlink connectivity to those in need. In this Phase, BREDS worked to get into the hardest to reach places including communities along the South Coast only accessible by water. BREDS also worked with the Coast Guard and other partners to create the most access to the hardest hit areas. Currently the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) operates out of the BREDS Sports Park in Treasure Beach, creating a dynamic distribution and logistics hub right in the heart of our community.

### Phase II

#### Building Back Livelihoods

As of December 30, 2025 this Phase is currently underway.

In our farming and fishing community, assisting the fishing, agriculture, and hospitality sector to regain productivity is essential to rebuilding our region's earning power and sustainability. Highlights include the purchase and supply of fishing wire, a farming voucher program in partnership with H+L Agro, and seed and input distribution in partnership with RADA (Rural Agricultural Development Network), and the establishment of a Hospitality Worker Relief Fund to community tourism workers furloughed due to Melissa.

### Phase III

#### Health & Shelter/Rebuilding Homes & Infrastructure at Sports Park

As of December 30, 2025 this Phase is currently underway.

In this phase, Breds seeks to help community members rebuild structures that were damaged in storms. Mobile health clinics and pop ups assist community members in receiving healthcare needed while more permanent healthcare infrastructure is restored. Damages to the Treasure Beach Sports Park will be repaired.

### Phase IV

#### Legacy Project

Approved by the St. Elizabeth Municipal Corporation, the Treasure Beach Health Centre (TBHC) will serve the community healthcare needs of the greater Treasure Beach region and Southwest St. Elizabeth for years to come. The TBHC will be located at the Sports Park, and will also serve as a climate resilient structure in future storms, along with housing visiting medical professionals.

Treasure Beach  Health Centre  
St. Elizabeth, Jamaica

