

A young girl with dark hair styled in two long braids is shown from the back. Her braids are adorned with colorful beads, including a prominent pink heart-shaped bead and a blue bead. She is wearing a bright green t-shirt with a yellow collar and black trim on the sleeves. The background is a bright, sunny beach scene with a blurred crowd and a flag.

# IMPACT REPORT

June 2026

**FROM RECOVERY  
TO RESILIENCE**

IMAGE COURTESY ABBIE TOWNSEND

**Eight months after Hurricane Melissa, recovery has become transformation. Together, we are building a stronger, safer and more resilient Treasure Beach.**

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June 2026

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# Impact Snapshot

**\$ 124,944,483.72** <sup>JMD</sup>   
**Aid Delivered**

Recovery goes beyond measuring the emergency response.  
Resilience is forged through the long-term strength of the community we are rebuilding together.

**15**

Local schools supplied with health, hygiene & cleaning materials



**558**

Farmers supported through voucher programmes

**30**

Grants for small businesses



**158**

Homes repaired or provided with materials

**\$4M**

CCTV installed to support safety and security across Greater Treasure Beach



**296+**

Number of students supported via programmes to offset post-Melissa learning loss

**300**


Tourism workers provided hospitality grants



**20+**

Partnerships

Our impact at a glance

 Numbers reflect the period from October 2025 to June 2026  
Figures listed in JMD unless otherwise indicated



## Aid Delivered

# \$ 124,944,483.72 <sup>JMD</sup>

Following Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, BREDS adopted a phased recovery approach that addresses immediate needs while building long-term resilience. Guided by community priorities and strategic partnerships, the framework moves from emergency relief and livelihood recovery to health, shelter and legacy projects designed to strengthen Treasure Beach for generations to come.

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### Phase I

#### Emergency Relief

**COMPLETE**

As of Dec 30, 2025

BREDS worked to get into the hardest to reach places, many only accessible by water

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### Phase II

#### Building Back Livelihoods

**ONGOING**

Support for key economic sectors: fishing, farming and hospitality

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### Phase III

#### Building Health & Shelter

**ONGOING**

Structural repair of damage caused by Hurricane Melissa for community members

Healthcare delivery in-person and mobile

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### Phase IV

#### Legacy Project

**SEEKING FUNDING**

The Treasure Beach Resilience Centre will include a model resilience home, emergency shelter and community health centre to serve the greater Treasure Beach region and Southwest St Elizabeth for years to come.

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



**Pictured L to R: Krystle Francis - Director of Programs (Caribbean) Clara Lionel Foundation (CLF), Jason Henzell - BREDS Chairman, Wonlyn Lewis - CLF Programme Associate (Caribbean), Tracyann James - BREDS Administrator**

Since 1998, partnerships have been at the heart of BREDS' mission. By connecting communities, donors, government and the private sector, BREDS has transformed local challenges into lasting opportunities. Following Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, these trusted partnerships have been instrumental in accelerating recovery and building a stronger, safer and more resilient Treasure Beach for generations to come.



**L to R: Trysion Walter, Head Environmental Warden - Galleon Fish Sanctuary; Dr Gavin Bellamy, National Fisheries Authority; Alexander De Croo, Former Prime Minister of Belgium and Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Richard Solomon, Mayor of Black River.**



**L to R: Mason Bass; education advocate Lauren Davis; Opal Alexander-Smith, Principal of Sandy Bank Primary School; teacher Hannah Davis; and Raylee Langley celebrate the handover of educational materials supporting students and teachers in the Treasure Beach community.**



**Professor Emeritus Bob Pavlowsky of Missouri State University (3rd right) and Professor Derrick Martin Appalachian State University (4th right); stand with the BREDS team. Prof. Pavlowsky has been mapping coastal erosion for over 25 years and is currently developing sustainable guidelines for Treasure Beach with Prof. Martin.**

# EDUCATION & YOUTH

## Investing in the next generation



Students of Sandy Bank Primary

### Strengthening Education Across Treasure Beach

BREDS continues to support education across the Greater Treasure Beach community through literacy, infrastructure repair and technology initiatives. **L.I.F.E. — Learning Is a Family Experience**, literacy programming is being implemented at Pedro Plains Basic School, Sandy Bank Basic School and Dunkley's Basic, helping young children build strong reading foundations both at home and school.

BREDS also supported roof repairs at Sandy Bank Infant School and provided technology support in collaboration with Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation to Pedro Plains Basic, Primary and the Infant Department.

Head of School at Sandy Bank Infant school Ms. Erna Black-Neil took a moment from her busy end-of-year exams to express her thanks,

"To the BREDS family, the Sandy Bank Infant School family wants to say thanks for the support of our school so the students can get to complete their end of year assessments. Blessings as your team continues to provide the support needed for a full recovery in all situations. One Love."

Students at Newell High School are rebuilding learning and confidence through the **Grade 7 Academy**, an initiative designed to address attendance challenges, learning loss and academic recovery following Hurricane Melissa. Delivered under the leadership of former Campion College Principal Grace Baston and former Minister of Education Ronald Thwaites, the programme is made possible through the generous support of American Friends of Jamaica (AFJ), Walk Good LA and former United States Ambassador to Jamaica, Sue Cobb.

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## One voice can lift a whole community



Sometimes, changing the future of a community begins with a single conversation.

For Arlington resident Richard Brown, Hurricane Melissa was a call to action. Moved by the challenges facing friends and neighbours, he shared the community's story with his network, and encouraged support for recovery efforts.

His advocacy helped mobilise much-needed funds, identifying BREDS as the trusted local organisation best placed to ensure that assistance reached those most in need.

Richard's story is a reminder that recovery is not driven by institutions alone. It is also made possible by individuals who use their voices, relationships and integrity to champion others. His commitment demonstrates how one person can inspire generosity, strengthen trust and help restore hope.



**Pictured above:**  
Arlington residents receiving disaster recovery vouchers.

# FROM SPORTS PARK TO RESILIENCE HUB



## **Treasure Beach Recognised as a Caribbean Model for Community Resilience**

In June, Treasure Beach took centre stage at the Trinidad and Tobago Disaster Risk Management (TTDRM) Conference & Expo, one of the Caribbean's leading forums on disaster risk reduction and resilience. BREDS Chairman Jason Henzell was invited to present the case study, **Hurricane Beryl & Melissa: From Turbulence to Transformation** turning Treasure Beach into a living blueprint of Caribbean community resilience.

Held under the theme **Resilience 360: Bridging Knowledge and Action**, the conference brought together more than 160 participants, 50 speakers, government agencies, private sector leaders and disaster management professionals from across the region. Treasure Beach was showcased as a living example of how communities can recover stronger after disaster.



Jason Henzell, featured on morning news television in Trinidad ahead of the conference

Conference Founder and Managing Director of PODS Emergency Management Consultancy and Solutions, Stacey-Ann Pi Osoria noted that what stood out most was the deep connection between business and community. "When businesses genuinely invest in people and place, the trust and goodwill they build are priceless."

"People don't understand that it is the community that has to rebuild." Pi Osoria continued, "The Caribbean has to come together and build resilience together."

The presentation reinforced an important lesson for the Caribbean: resilience is not built after a disaster —it is built through relationships, leadership and community long before the next storm arrives.

**"The Caribbean has to come together and build resilience, together."**

- Stacey-Ann Pi Osoria, Managing Director of PODS Emergency Management Consultancy and Solutions



Pictured L to R: Jason Henzell, Breds Chairman, Andre Baugh, Head of School - University of Technology JA, Heather Pinnock, Sustainable Design Advocate, and Captain Dennis, Breds Director



Pictured L to R: Okanagan University Canada Team, Ewan Lyall, Madison Albright, Professor Brian Rippy, Sydney Albright, Brooklyn Martin, and Madison Rogers

Regional experts at the conference expressed their support for the strategic priority BREDS has made for the development of a purpose-built **Resilience Centre**. The Treasure Beach Sports Park played a critical role during Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa—serving as a critical logistics, response and recovery hub for international NGOs, and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF).

Located on the 17-acre Sports Park campus, the project will include a model resilience home, emergency shelter and community health centre designed to strengthen disaster preparedness, emergency response and long-term resilience.

International partnerships continue to strengthen BREDS' resilience agenda. Professor Brian Rippy and students from Okanagan College's Sustainable Design Programme have contributed climate modelling, concept designs, materials research and sustainability recommendations.

Joining the team of local and international experts is disaster risk specialist Dr Balfour Spence of Brandon University. Dr Spence's expertise in resilience planning and emergency management are positioned to contribute value in the planning and execution of the resilience centre and its programming.

The initiative also benefitted from the JMMB Group Leadership Breakfast hosted in April focused on sustainable development, community resilience and rural economic growth.

The partners have moved beyond conceptual support and completed site visits, stakeholder consultations, climate modelling and technical design recommendations tailored specifically to Treasure Beach's environmental conditions and remain committed to support the development of the **Treasure Beach Resilience Centre** and **Health Centre**.

# BUILDING BACK LIVELIHOODS

## Cultivating Recovery in Ginger Hill

In the hills of northern St Elizabeth, Jamaica's pineapple country, recovery is taking root one field at a time. Through BREDS' **Building Back Livelihoods** initiative, 48 farmers in Ginger Hill have received support to restore production and strengthen their economic future following Hurricane Melissa.

Some farmers are now exploring eco-tourism opportunities that connect with visitors directly. By blending farming with tourism, they are creating new income streams while preserving local knowledge and showcasing the rich agricultural heritage of St Elizabeth.

Their efforts represent a broader transformation—turning disaster into opportunity and ensuring agriculture remains at the heart of the local economy and visitor experience.

## Restoring Livelihoods in Parottee

For generations, fishing has been the lifeblood of Parottee, supporting families, strengthening food security and sustaining the local economy. When Hurricane Melissa struck St Elizabeth, fisherfolk were isolated and accessible only by boat. Also lost in the aftermath, their most important livelihood asset—their boats.

In response, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), an international nonprofit disaster relief organization, and BREDS have partnered to launch a targeted livelihood recovery initiative focused on repairing damaged fishing vessels and helping families return to work.

By establishing a temporary boat repair station in Parottee and engaging local skilled technicians, families regain access to income and rebuild economic stability. This initiative represents an investment in self-reliance, community recovery and the long-term sustainability of one of Jamaica's most important fishing communities.



Ginger Hill pineapple farmers



CORE Parrottee Boat Repair Project

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## Investing in a Safer Community

The safety and well-being of residents and visitors remain a priority for BREDS. Acting on recommendations from the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), BREDS supported the upgrade and expansion of the Greater Treasure Beach CCTV network.

Implemented in partnership with the JCF and guided by Superintendent Minto, the enhanced system expands surveillance coverage across key areas of the community using technology that meets international standards and national public safety objectives.

By investing in proactive safety infrastructure, BREDS is helping to strengthen public safety, support law enforcement efforts and maintain a secure environment for residents, businesses and visitors.

## Supporting a Cleaner Treasure Beach

Keeping our community clean benefits us all. In response to a request for collaboration from Southern Parks Market Waste Management Limited (SPM), the regional operational arm of the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA), BREDS provided waste collection drums to support community cleanliness efforts.

The initiative forms part of a broader commitment to improving waste management infrastructure and encouraging responsible disposal practices across the Greater Treasure Beach area. BREDS looks forward to developing a deeper engagement between SPM and the community and a regular and consistent schedule for collection.

Together, we are helping to create a cleaner, healthier and more welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

**The fishing floatilla is a treasured Independence Day tradition.**



# HEALTH AND SAFETY



**GOAL: \$300,000**



## Health Centre: One Step Closer to Reality

The vision of a permanent healthcare facility for Treasure Beach has taken a major step forward. Through the support of generous donors and partners, BREDS has now secured more than US\$150,000 toward the development of the **Treasure Beach Health Centre**, a facility that will serve approximately 3,500 residents locally and up to 10,000 people across surrounding communities.

With Helping Hands Canada confirmed to contribute CAD \$64,000 during its July visit, the project is now within reach.

Once the final US\$50,000 is raised, a committed contribution from Direct Relief, a humanitarian aid organisation, will unlock the remaining funding required to begin construction of the Centre.

Together with partners including American Friends of Jamaica, the CHASE Fund, the Tourism Enhancement Fund and the Treasure Beach Women's Group, we are building more than a clinic –we are creating a healthier, more resilient future for our community.

# CONSERVATION



## Out of the Goal and into the Mangroves

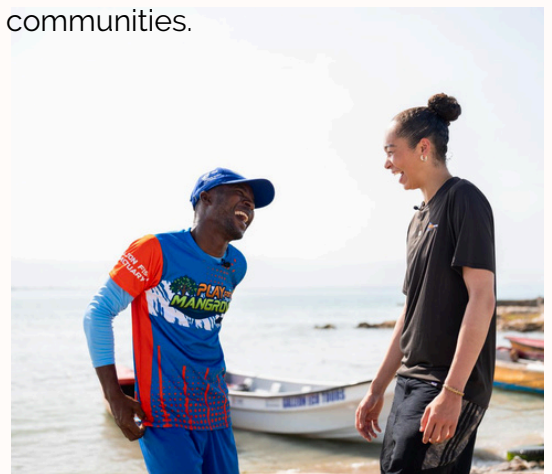
While football fans around the world focused on the FIFA World Cup, one international player chose to spend her time championing a different goal—protecting Jamaica's coastal ecosystems.

Through the **Play for the Mangroves** programme, BREDS and Seacology welcomed Phallon Tullis-Joyce, goalkeeper for Manchester United Women and the United States Women's National Team, to the Galleon Beach Fish Sanctuary. A trained marine scientist and global ocean conservation advocate, Tullis-Joyce visited local schools, toured conservation sites and joined students from Crawford Primary School for mangrove planting, beach clean-up activities and environmental education.

Led locally by marine warden and youth mentor Trysion Walters, Play for the Mangroves uses sport as a tool to engage young people in conservation

The programme rewards participation in environmental stewardship activities with sports equipment, training and mentorship opportunities. As Jamaica becomes the third country to implement the initiative, Play for the Mangroves continues to demonstrate how sport, education and environmental action can inspire the next generation of leaders and protect the natural resources that sustain island communities.

**Trysion and Phallon enjoy a light-hearted moment at Galleon Beach Fish Sanctuary**



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