

# IMPACT



*The official newsletter of Food For The Poor Jamaica*



Food For The Poor Jamaica (FFPJ) quickly mobilized to meet the needs of citizens. FFPJ personnel organized humanitarian relief for distribution across the island a day following the passage of Hurricane Beryl.

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## Why Caring Matters

Our world and lives are stressful. But care pierces the cloud of heaviness that can cover our human existence. It is not just acts of kindness but touching the human spirit. Care allows us to see how our lives are interconnected, fostering closer-knit communities and initiating a ripple effect of empathy and support.

When we demonstrate compassion towards others by acknowledging their obstacles and triumphs, with understanding and encouragement, it can significantly impact lives and promote harmony instead of discordance. During hardships and individual challenges, showing concern provides reassurance that we are supported, motivating us to take purposeful actions and reinforcing the idea that we can overcome obstacles and create a more compassionate and inclusive society.

Let's always remember the power of an act of kindness or a word of support to make a difference in someone's day. Join us in spreading love and empathy because we can change the world through our care and consideration.

*Food For The Poor Jamaica*

# News Roundup

## **NCB MATCHES \$150 MILLION DONATIONS TO RAISE \$300 MILLION FOR HURRICANE BERYL RELIEF EFFORTS (THE GLEANER)**

In response to Hurricane Beryl's devastation, the National Commercial Bank (NCB) has pledged to match donations up to J\$150 million, aiming to raise a total of J\$300 million for relief efforts. Relief work will be carried out through the executing partners, including Food For The Poor Jamaica. The funds will be allocated to critical areas such as emergency aid, rebuilding infrastructure, and providing essential services. The NCB's commitment highlights its role in mobilizing resources and encouraging community support during times of crisis. NCB's matching donation is part of a broader commitment to community support and disaster relief, underscoring the bank's dedication to helping those in need during crises.

## **RESTAURANTS OF JAMAICA COMMITS NEARLY \$14M TO BERYL RELIEF EFFORTS (THE GLEANER)**

Food For The Poor Jamaica received a \$14 million commitment from Restaurants of Jamaica for disaster relief in Beryl. The donation will enhance response capabilities. This collaboration emphasizes addressing urgent humanitarian needs and supporting recovery efforts in disaster-affected areas.

## **SAGICOR DONATES \$20M TO FOOD FOR THE POOR FOR HURRICANE BERYL RELIEF (LOOP NEWS, JAMAICA)**

Sagicor Jamaica has donated J\$20 million to Food For The Poor Jamaica to aid in relief efforts following Hurricane Beryl. This contribution is part of a larger initiative to support communities affected by the storm. The donation will fund the distribution of essential supplies, including food, water, and other necessities, to those impacted by the hurricane. Sagicor's support underscores its commitment to corporate social responsibility and disaster relief, aiming to alleviate the hardships faced by the affected populations. This act of generosity is part of broader efforts to mitigate the impact of natural disasters on Jamaican communities and support recovery and rebuilding initiatives.

## **UTILITY COMPANIES PARTNER WITH FOOD FOR THE POOR TO HOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR IN ST. ELIZABETH (THE JAMAICA INFORMATION SERVICE)**

Utility companies have partnered with Food For The Poor to host a back-to-school fair in St. Elizabeth on August 9. The event provided school supplies, clothing, and other resources to children in need, aiming to support educational readiness and ease the financial burden on families for the upcoming school year.

## **FOOD FOR THE POOR PARTNERS WITH CEDELLA MARLEY FOR HURRICANE BERYL RESPONSE (THE JAMAICA OBSERVER)**

Food For The Poor and Cedella Marley collaborated to assist Hurricane Beryl survivors by repairing or replacing damaged roofs in Jamaica and the Caribbean. Marley helped pack supplies at FFTP's headquarters; the funds raised went towards roofing materials and aiding evacuees in shelters. FFTP's network ensured efficient aid delivery during the crisis.



A roof damaged by Hurricane Beryl, covered with tarpaulin, at a home in Portland Cottage, St. Elizabeth. The storm caused significant damage across the region, leaving many residents needing repairs.



Safe housing and roofing are crucial for both physical and mental well-being. Inadequate housing can lead to stress, anxiety, and depression,



Food For The Poor has been committed to assisting Portland Cottage residents with repairs to their infrastructure. To date, we've assisted over 75 persons.



The recipients represent a variety of persons including an artist, a jerk pan man, a hustler, and a 100-year-old. Each is bonded by the same story: a destructive hurricane.



Helping hurricane-ravaged communities is vital for recovery, providing essential aid, rebuilding infrastructure, and restoring hope and stability to affected lives.



Donating to aid organizations is crucial for rebuilding disaster-stricken communities, as it helps to provide swift recovery, essential resources, and lasting resilience.

## Community Action Report

Hurricane Beryl wreaked havoc across Jamaica. In some communities, very few buildings and families were unscathed. The devastation was evident when Food For The Poor Jamaica Field Officers drove through rural areas. Residents, each with their own story of destruction, shared a common need for urgent help. Despite the widespread damage, they expressed deep gratitude for the assistance received. Food For The Poor is supporting the community by repairing damaged infrastructure and providing ongoing aid.

## It's More Than Just A Roof

High winds and heavy rains are the expected during a hurricane. And in its aftermath, the focus is often on damage to physical infrastructure. But safe housing and roofing have very great impacts that go beyond offering shelter. It is also known to have an effect on the physical and mental well-being of inhabitants.

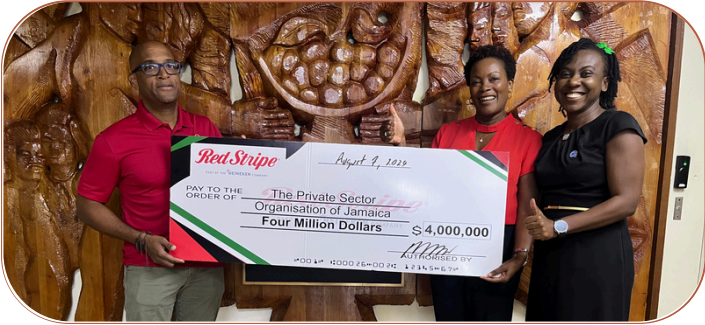
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) states that having a roof in good condition is essential in preventing a home from further damage during a hurricane or any other severe storm. Leaking roofs cause water damage as well as growing of molds thereby presenting health risks to those who live inside. In worst case scenarios, ineffective roofs may crumble endangering the lives below them.

Research has shown that residents living in unsafe or inadequate housing conditions are likely to have higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. The psychological toll of not having a secure roof over one's head cannot be overestimated particularly after a natural disaster like Hurricane Beryl.

Our emphasis for Food For The Poor Jamaica currently is on re-roofing as we assist residents across the island recover after Hurricane Beryl with an eye towards their long-term safety and well-being. By investing in resilient infrastructure systems; we can safeguard both the physical structures themselves, and the mental health of those within them.



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# Testimonials

## Isaiah Clarke Clarendon

Hurricane Beryl was a very dangerous storm. I am so glad it didn't take anybody's life but it is the first I was witnessing this thing called a hurricane. It tore off all of my roof and wet up everything in my house, I had to burn some of the things and put some on the outside to dry because not all of them can go back in the house. I had to take my 84-year-old mother out of the house and put her in another house during the hurricane because of the winds and rain.

I feel very very very glad to see the Food For The Poor team coming in to do the repairs because I don't have any money to do all these things.... It is very hard for us... thanks for all the contributions and all the donors and everybody for the help.

## Alberta McDonald Clarendon

The house top gone, everything gone...we were left empty after the hurricane but thanks to all the donors and Food For The Poor for coming to our rescue and for helping to fix my roof.

## Shanieka McPherson Manchester

The house I was in first, Oh my God, if I was in it during Hurricane Beryl, I would be soaked right now, everything would be wet, the mattress, the bed...because the roof actually blew off and everything is on the ground so I just want to say thanks very much to the donors for gifting me a house from Food For The Poor in the first place, which protected us during the hurricane.

## Sylvia Roxborough Clarendon

The Hurricane came at a fast speed, seeing the destruction it left behind was so devastating because there are shut-in persons who lost their roofs and lost everything and were unable to move and so it was stressful for most of them. An old man, for example, is way in the bush and his house caved in on him... the situation was so bad, going around and assisting with Food For The Poor, it breaks my heart to see some of the devastation.

I am grateful for the intervention from Food For The Poor and their donors, it has helped a lot of people, from the food, the tarpaulins, the hygiene buckets, and water, I know a lot of people are grateful for the bottled water to drink, the food and sanitation products, are also very needed so I am grateful for all the persons who contributed ...I hope and trust that God will continue to open doors and provide funding so that they can always be there for people in need...I wish there was more.

## Tanisha Noble Forrest Clarendon

The Lord is marvelous, He is our father. Each thing we need, we ask Him. He is an on-time God. He is there, He will always be there. I appreciate all the men and women who take the time out to actually obey what God has asked them to do in terms of helping those of us in need. Each and every time I see Food for the Poor out there, I ask the Lord for more donations and that he would remove any weariness from the staff, I ask the Lord for coverage.

## Cordell Hamilton St. Catherine

The hurricane passed and I am alright, my family is alright, and we are comfortable and were comfortable even during the storm thanks to this house that was provided by Food For The Poor, I did not even realize that there was a hurricane...big up Food For The Poor!

## Inez Williams Chairperson & Shelter Manager Portland Cottage Primary, Clarendon

I can say I am really grateful. I don't even think the people in the community are as grateful as I am because after Hurricane Beryl, people were totally devastated, and for this help that they are getting from Food For The Poor donors, it's a big plus, and I am really thankful for all the endeavors taking place in the communities that were affected.

## Eric Whye St. Elizabeth

We got a very bad beating by this hurricane here in the Breadbasket parish of Jamaica. My roof blew off and a lot of people in the community lost their roof. All I can say is that Food For The Poor and their donors are the first set of persons I see come in to help people in this area with food and tarpaulin so we have to big them up and give thanks for them. They show us that they are here for us and that they are here to serve us. You are like angels from God.

## Vivia Walters, JP Clarendon

Thank you so much Food For The Poor because when we reflect on how Beryl affected persons in this area, fruit trees are gone, persons have lost a lot of belongings and I just want to say that am very grateful for the intervention and support with needed relief items.

# News Roundup Cont'd

## **FOOD FOR THE POOR MOBILISING MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL POST-BERYL RELIEF EFFORT (OUR TODAY)**

Food For The Poor (FFTP) Jamaica, alongside international partners, is leading a massive relief effort following Hurricane Beryl. The organization has distributed nearly 1,000 care packages, including food, water, hygiene kits, and emergency supplies, across Jamaica, focusing on the hardest-hit parishes like St. Elizabeth, Manchester, and Clarendon. FFTP also pre-positioned supplies at 32 distribution centres for immediate response. Chairman Andrew Mahfood praised the cohesive efforts, which have inspired further support from corporations and relief organizations. Donations are being accepted to continue these efforts.

## **A NEW DAWN FOR PRUDENCE MANNINGS: DESPERATE MOTHER GETS NEW HOUSE (THE JAMAICA OBSERVER)**

Prudence Mannings, a mother from Clifton, Jamaica, recently received a new house funded by the National Baking Company Foundation through Food For the Poor Jamaica. After returning from Sri Lanka in 2019 and struggling with homelessness, Mannings faced significant hardships while caring for her two daughters. Despite previous setbacks, her unwavering faith and persistence led to this life-changing support. The house symbolizes hope and gratitude for Mannings, marking a new chapter of stability and kindness in her life.

## **JPS FOUNDATION, FOOD FOR THE POOR PROVIDE POST-HURRICANE RELIEF TO ST ELIZABETH RESIDENTS (THE JAMAICA OBSERVER)**

The Jamaica Public Service (JPS) Foundation and Food For The Poor Jamaica have teamed up to provide relief to St Elizabeth after Hurricane Beryl caused extensive damage. The parish, one of the hardest hit, saw significant destruction to homes and businesses. The joint effort includes care packages, charging stations, and plans for long-term support, such as aid for displaced residents and educational grants. Distribution efforts were focused on Parottee, Flagaman, and Bull Savannah.

## **DUMFRIES PRIMARY SCHOOL GETS NEW BUILDING FROM HELPING HANDS JAMAICA FOUNDATION (THE GLEANER)**

Food For The Poor Jamaica, in partnership with the Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation, has inaugurated a new building at Dumfries Primary School. The upgraded facility features modern classrooms and essential amenities, enhancing the learning environment for students. This development is part of a broader effort to improve educational infrastructure in Jamaica. The project reflects a commitment to supporting education and providing better learning conditions for underserved communities. The new building aims to foster a more conducive atmosphere for students' academic growth and overall well-being.



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# THANK YOU!

**TO ALL OUR DONORS, PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS & STAFF**

for your support and contribution towards our Hurricane Beryl relief efforts.

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Jamaica Limited

Branch: St Jago Shopping  
Centre/Spanish Town

Branch Code 00047 or  
NCB Direct Banking Unit

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For Further Credit to:

Food For The Poor Jamaica

Account Number: 47-1148350

Payment Details: FFP Jamaica Donation

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Jamaica

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Thank you in advance for donating and supporting Food For The Poor Jamaica. Your contribution will significantly impact the lives of those in need, providing essential resources and assistance. Your kindness will help us continue our ongoing efforts to alleviate poverty and bring about positive change in communities across Jamaica. Kind-hearted folks like you truly make a difference, and we are grateful for your continued support of our mission to improve lives and create a better future for all.