

BRIEF IMPACT REPORT
April 22nd, 2026

HURRICANE RESPONSE IN JAMAICA

Myriad Canada - With World Central Kitchen Inc.



1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT

- **Title of charitable project:** Hurricane Response in Jamaica
- **Geographical area:** Jamaica
- **Total project budget:** \$267,203.62 **Currency:** USD
- **Project from/until:** January 2026 / February 2026
- **In collaboration with:** World Central Kitchen Inc.
- **Organization's mission:** To provide food for vulnerable people, to support local agriculture, to promote environmentally sustainable cooking fuels and technologies, and to take such actions as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time in furtherance thereof.

2. THE PROJECT

The problem: On October 28, 2025, record-breaking Hurricane Melissa made landfall near New Hope, Jamaica, as a catastrophic Category 5 storm with sustained winds of 185 mph, the strongest Atlantic hurricane of the year and the most powerful storm ever to hit Jamaica. The storm brought torrential rains, devastating storm surges, and widespread destruction to communities across the island.

In the aftermath, an estimated half the island's population lost their usual access to food and water, ~1.4 million people. Hurricane-force winds ripped roofs from homes and businesses, toppled trees, and downed power lines across the country, leaving communities isolated and restricting peoples' ability to travel. More than 75% of the island lost power, and, according to a November 2025 article published by ABC News, about 120,000 homes were left partially or completely destroyed. Some of the hardest-hit communities, in the western parishes of Hanover, St. James, and Westmoreland, were cut off entirely, reachable only by air or boat. With many parts of Jamaica still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl in 2024, the rubble left behind by Hurricane Melissa posed a daunting road to recovery for impacted families.

The goal: Provide nourishment to Jamaican communities impacted by Hurricane Melissa through hot, freshly prepared meals prepared by WCK large-scale kitchens and local restaurant partners; uplifting local community kitchen meal production; and distributing food kits containing 15 kg worth of fresh ingredients.

The impact of your financial support:

- A total of 63,436 meals has been provided, through restaurant-prepared plates of food (2,386) and bulk food equivalency that was delivered to WCK's Field Kitchens and cooked into hot, nourishing meals (61,050).
- Funding also supported the distribution of 27,000 gallons of fresh water.
- After nearly three months of recovery and support, Jamaican communities began to return to a more normal daily routine. WCK transitioned their response from hot meals to food kit distribution while continuing to prioritize communities that still preferred to receive hot meals.
- Across the island, local communities played pivotal roles: helping set up distribution sites, serve meals, and carry out last-mile deliveries to residents unable to travel. WCK's teams on the ground witnessed the resilience, unity, and "one love" of the Jamaican people.

3. A FEW PICTURES FROM THE PROJECT



Preparing smoky grilled chicken



*Smoky grilled jerk chicken for residents recovering from Hurricane
Melissa*



*A young girl in Savanna-la-Mar beams as she picks up her hot meal for the day. Her choice?
Seasoned fried fish served over rice and peas, a dish prepared by Chef Natoy through WCK's
community kitchen.*



Warm stew for families impacted by the hurricane



Local community kitchen fuels families impacted by the hurricane



Delivering staples to a local hospital



Comforting food kits for communities in need of cooking supplies

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT.