



# DEVELOPMENT DIGEST

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**“YOU SHALL OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND TO YOUR BROTHER, TO THE NEEDY AND TO THE POOR.”**  
 ~ DEUTERONOMY 15:11

## MORE THAN RELIEF

Eden Street Development exists to break the cycle of poverty in select rural communities across Manchester and St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. Through relief, rehabilitation, and sustainable development we help families recover from crisis, build livelihoods and create better futures.

Eden Street’s programs respond to need while building lasting hope. Rooted in our call to open our hands to those in need, each initiative creates pathways to education, employment, and dignity. Your support turns compassion into action, helping families not only recover but truly thrive.

Eden Street Development exists to break the cycle of unemployment and illiteracy in the community of New Green, Manchester and beyond through sustainable development initiatives making our communities places of choice to live, work, raise families and do business. This includes engaging, where necessary, in disaster relief and rehabilitation activities.

# LASTING CHANGE

For us, development goes beyond aid. We believe lasting change happens when people are equipped with skills, knowledge and opportunity – empowered to provide for themselves and their families. We intentionally avoid doing for people what they can do for themselves, choosing instead to walk alongside them as partners in growth. Your support fuels solutions that endure long after immediate needs have passed.



Disaster forces us to pivot! Its impact on the human psyche could be long-term causing mental health issues like PTSD, substance abuse, depression, persistent sense of hopelessness and difficulty returning to normal daily functions.

On Friday, March 27 the Eden Street-SEMBA Disaster Response Team, in partnership with the wider Jamaica Baptist Union family and Baptist World Aid, returned to Parottee, a coastal fishing community just southeast of Black River.





The team delivered 200 food packages and 140 toiletry packages. Since our first newsletter was published in January, we are happy to report that we can now access the road to Parottee via Black River, a road previously destroyed by Hurricane Melissa's storm surge.

While preparations were underway, team members spoke with residents and asked a simple question:



**What do you need most right now?**

The answers were consistent — **water, food, electricity, employment, and access to school for their children.**

Many families remain displaced, “cotching” with relatives or neighbours after losing their homes. One resident shared that two additional families were staying with her and asked if she could collect supplies on their behalf—her portion could not stretch far enough.



Five months later, many are still without basic necessities: reliable water, electricity, stable income, and secure shelter.

The visit left the team deeply moved and even more determined to act with urgency.

Further inland, in Elim, the damage tells a different but equally urgent story. While destruction was less visible, homelessness persists. One family of four, displaced after storm damage to their rented home, now faces eviction with nowhere to go.

The path forward is clear: secure shelter and create sustainable livelihoods.

In the following pages, readers will see how donations are being used to restore dignity, rebuild stability, and empower families and communities.

*Walk with us.* 

# COMMUNITY SMART FARMS



Envisioning Community SMART Farms for sustainable livelihoods. In communities across Roses Valley, Balaclava, Elderslie, Elim, Junction, Springfield, Arlington, Burnt Savannah, New River and Santa Cruz we have identified over 30 chicken farmers and 25 crop farmers in need of support.

Tool	Cost
File Used for smoothing and filing off materials	J\$254
Water Tank 650GL	J\$45,126
Boot	J\$2,269
Hose & Adjustable Nozzle	J\$7,629

## CROP FARMERS KIT

The right tools do more than get the job done. They determine how quickly, safely, and successfully a farmer can move from land preparation to harvest. Without them, productivity stalls and livelihoods suffer.

Here is a breakdown of the essential items required for one crop farmer's kit, along with the cost of each.

Scan the QR code to help equip a farmer and restore a livelihood.

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Tool	Cost	Tool	Cost
Machete For cutting, clearing, and harvesting	J\$1,675	1 GAL/5L Watering Can	J\$1,564
Shovel/Spade For digging, moving soil, and planting	J\$2,030	Protective Wear Gloves - J\$1,046 Goggles - J\$1,107 Masks - J\$10,500 TOTAL: J\$12,653	
Rake For levelling soil and gathering debris	J\$1,464	Pickaxe/Mattock Used for opening up new land, the cutting edge being used to cut roots and the digging edge for primary tillage on very hard ground.	J\$2,393
Fork For lifting materials, turning compost, or aerating soil	J\$10,343		
Wheelbarrow Essential for transporting tools, soil, or harvests	J\$18,297		
Sprayer Used to apply pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides	J\$6,030	<b>TOTAL COST OF ONE CROP FARMERS' KIT</b>	<b>J\$69,397</b>
Pruner For trimming plants, vines, and branches	J\$2,796		

A close-up photograph of a green plastic seedling tray containing several small, young green plants with two leaves each, growing in individual compartments filled with dark soil.

# SEEDS & SEEDLINGS

Tools alone are not enough. Sustainable farming begins with access to quality planting materials.

Many farmers lack both access to, and awareness of, reliable sources for clean seeds and seedlings. Through this initiative, they are being connected to trusted suppliers to ensure stronger yields, healthier crops, and greater long-term viability. Crop selection is guided by soil type, climate conditions, and market demand to maximise economic value.

## Seeds & Seedlings Availability

Across Jamaica, seedlings are available from the [Forestry Department](#) nurseries (Constant Spring Road, Manchester, and Moneague), the [Jamaica Bauxite Institute](#) in Hope Gardens, and private suppliers such as [Jamaica Nursery](#) and [Hardware and Lumber](#). Options include vegetable, herb, timber, and fruit tree seedlings, typically ranging from \$200 to \$500 JMD.

## The Scientific Research Council

The [Scientific Research Council \(SRC\)](#), plays a critical role by providing clean, disease-free planting materials using tissue culture technology. Their work supports the production of high-quality crops such as Irish potato, sweet potato, pineapple, ginger, and herbs, helping farmers overcome common pest and disease challenges.

## RADA & JBDC

Farmers also benefit from business and technical support through partnerships with the [Rural Agricultural Development Authority \(RADA\)](#) and the [Jamaica Business Development Corporation \(JBDC\)](#), ensuring their operations are structured for long-term success.

From **April to June 2026**, the Eden Street-SEMBA Disaster Response Team will support the establishment of **10 crop farmers and 3 chicken farmers** across affected communities.

Follow the journey on the website and look out for the next issue of the newsletter for a deeper look at the impact.

# Chicken Farmers' Initiative

Revitalizing livelihoods for chicken farmers across devastated communities in St. Elizabeth and Manchester.



## SPONSOR A FARMER

BROILER PRODUCTION COST			
CATEGORY	NO	unit cost	TOTAL (\$)
<b>CAPITAL COST</b>			
<b>Broiler Unit</b>			
Building cost/sqft	100	2500	250,000.00
feeder	2	2000	4,000.00
waterer	2	8500	17,000.00
Chick font	2	1000	2,000.00
Tarpaulin	1	1500	1,500.00
TANK 110GL WATER RHINO BLK	1	22783	22,782.67
TANK 400GL WATER RHINO BLK	1	38273	38,273.05
SAND 80LB WASH BAG	1	610	610.21
GRAVEL 80LB BAG	1	528	527.78
ACTIVATED CHARCOAL	1	0	-
SPRAYER 16L G840604 KNAPSACK	1	6029.5003	6,029.50
HOSE 100' GRDN PLS (OMNI)	1	6843.2728	6,843.27
BOOT #43 (S) STRONGMAN S29	1	1665.4412	1,665.44
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COST</b>			<b>351,231.92</b>
<b>OPERATING COST</b>			
Chicks ea	100	188	18,800.00
Feed (bags)	20	3000	60,000.00
Labour per day (42 days)	42	750	31,500.00
Transport	2	1000	2,000.00
Medication/Sanitizers	2	1000	2,000.00
Labour (Processing) - 3	2	3000	6,000.00
Bags for processing (pk 100)	2	500	1,000.00
Transport for finished goods	1	1000	1,000.00
utilities/ light	1	2000	2,000.00
Saw dust	20	300	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COST</b>			<b>130,300.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Revenue from meat	350/lb		151,200.00
Revenue from offals	feet & liver		5,200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<b>156,400.00</b>

The Chicken Farmers' Initiative is restoring livelihoods and strengthening food security in communities devastated by Hurricane Melissa.

By equipping farmers with the resources, training, and support they need to restart production, this initiative helps families move from crisis to stability.

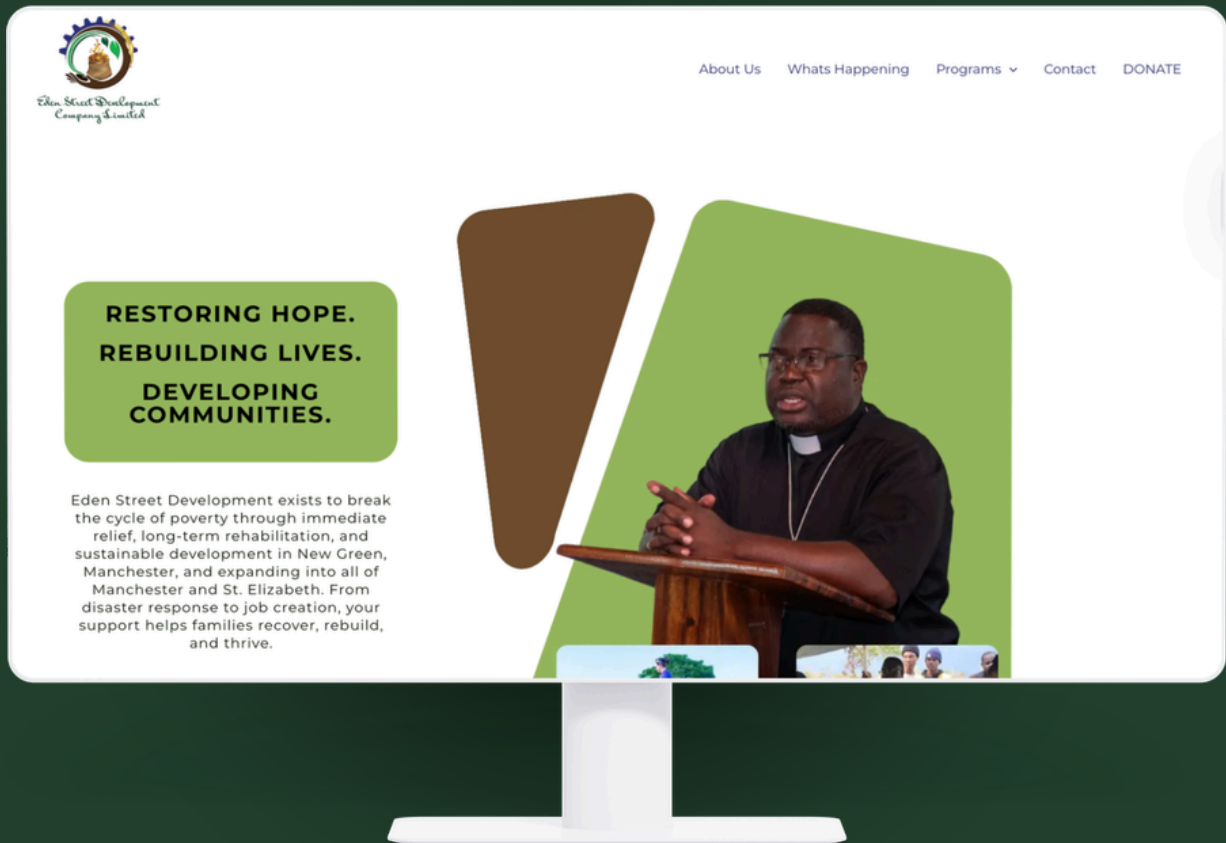
Your donation directly empowers farmers to rebuild, earn, and provide for their communities. Together, we can reignite local food systems and create sustainable income for those who need it most.

**Sponsor a farmer. Restore someone's livelihood. Strengthen a community.**

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# OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE



[www.edenstreetjm.org](http://www.edenstreetjm.org)



# PAROTTEE Fight or Flight!!



This lady wore a shirt that defied her circumstances. It said, "It's fine. I'm fine. Everything is fine!"





# ELIM The Simpson Family – Their Story

Deacon Omar Simpson has faithfully served Elim Baptist Church for over 23 years, including 13 years as a Deacon. A lifelong resident of Elim, he remains committed to serving his community, standing as a pillar of strength and encouragement for many.



**Deacon Simpson's  
Damaged Home**



**Deacon Simpson's  
New Home Under  
Construction**



**A Hardware & Lumber  
Home**

Hurricane Melissa severely impacted his family. After losing part of their roof and facing eviction from their rented home, they were forced to leave. Though construction on a new house has begun, it is not yet habitable.

For J\$13M we could secure this family in a finished 3-bedroom, 2 bathroom H&L Home – hurricane, earthquake and fire resistant. This arrangement would provide a unique opportunity for improving their own livelihood and advancing the economic wellbeing of the community they are committed to serving.

Help us restore stability for a family that continues to uplift others.



**DONATE**



## CONTACT US

We would love to hear from you. Whether you are interested in supporting our work, learning more about our programs, partnering with Eden Street Development, or asking a general question, our team is here to help.

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