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### **Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise Tours Vegetable Seedling Nursery**

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Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, along with Mr. Fermin Blanco, OIRSA country representative, visited Central Farm to inspect vegetable seedlings.

A total of 18,000 seedlings will be distributed to farmers and producers at all levels, including backyard gardeners. The seedlings were donated as seeds by the OIRSA Regional Emergency Fund to assist vegetable farmers who were affected by the flooding caused by storms Eta and Iota.

Grown by the Central Farm Horticulture Unit, the vegetable seedlings at the nursery include tomato, lettuce, cabbage, and sweet pepper. The distribution of seedlings is in line with the Plan Belize agriculture policy to restore food security and revive the livelihoods of farmers and producers.

A presentation of the nursery management practices, from soil-mix plant mediums to the sowing of seeds, was also demonstrated at the event.

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