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PRESS RELEASE

Belize Receives Hurricane Lisa Relief Items from the Taiwanese Business Community

Belmopan, August 28, 2023.

Today, Belize received a significant donation of supplies pledged by the Taiwanese business community to support Hurricane Lisa relief efforts.

Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Lisa in November 2022, the Embassy of Belize in the Republic of China (Taiwan) initiated the "We are Family: Help for Belize" fundraiser. The campaign mobilized support from 32 donors among Taiwan's business community and private sector. The donation includes US\$10,000 from St. Dominic Catholic High School and a container of essential supplies, including clothing, medical supplies, food, laptops and tablets. These contributions complement the prompt assistance rendered by the Government of Taiwan in the wake of Hurricane Lisa's aftermath.

Reflecting on the initiative, H.E. Candice Pitts, Ambassador of Belize in Taiwan, underlined the immediate activation of the fundraiser following Hurricane Lisa. She emphasized the strong response from Taiwan's business community, reflecting the enduring 34-year friendship between Belize and Taiwan.

Integral to the fundraiser's success were Taiwanese businesses, Happy Home World Alliance International Taiwan and the Industry Development Association, which leveraged their connections to facilitate donations.

During the handing over ceremony, Ambassador Amalia Mai, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, and H.E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Belize, formally handed over the items to Mr. Daniel Mendez, National Emergency Coordinator for the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

NEMO will oversee the distribution of these items to the communities still rebuilding after the impact of Hurricane Lisa.

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