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Rural Communities Receive Access to Electricity

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The Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management for a grant of US\$50,000 from the United Nations Development Programme's EnGenDER: "Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean."

These funds will be used to supply electricity connections to 50 households in the villages of Indian Creek, Golden Stream and Medina Bank in the Toledo District. These villages will be supplied with electricity through the deployment of an off-grid micro hybrid solar photovoltaic system.

The initiative stems from the on-going Energy Access Project that the ministry is conducting in partnership with the Caribbean Renewable Energy Fund (CREF) from Abu Dhabi and Belize Electricity Limited. This project is focused on bringing electricity to villages that currently do not have access to modern energy carriers.

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, thanked Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, and Mr. Kenrick Williams, CEO in the ministry, for this endowment.

Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, noted that energy access is a key driver to reduce poverty and support sustainable and rural development.

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