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### **Ministry of Agriculture, Taiwan ICDF, and FFTP Organize Lamb and Mutton Culinary Workshop in Cayo**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, in collaboration with the Taiwan ICDF Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Sheep Project Phase II) and Food for the Poor (FFTP), held a Lamb and Mutton Culinary Craft Workshop at San Jose Succotz Village, Cayo District, on January 28, 2023.

The workshop is part of the Small Ruminant Grant for improving Livelihood Resilience in the Western Cayo District Belize Project, which came from the partnership between Taiwan ICDF Sheep Project Phase II and FFTP, a non-profit Christian organization. Twenty families were selected from San Jose Succotz, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Corozalito, and surrounding farms to participate in the workshop. Each family received five breeding female sheep and 24 months of technical support.

The aims of the workshop were to train sheep farmers in the culinary skills of lamb and mutton to increase the consumption of lamb and mutton products in Belize, as well as to assist the families to become more self-reliant and achieve income self-sustainability. The training included sessions on ingredients preparation cooking process of stewed lamb, lamb chop suey, and barbecued lamb, which were facilitated by Frank Padron, Extension Officer in the ministry.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Taiwan ICDF, and FFTP are committed to food security in Belize and the growth of the sheep and goat industry through sector development and improvement.

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