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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New Polyclinic to be Constructed in Belmopan**

*Belmopan. July 27, 2020. 4:50 p.m.*

A ceremony was held today to break ground for the Belmopan Polyclinic II, which will be located on the compound of the Western Regional Hospital.

The facility will be used to provide primary health services to residents of Belmopan and nearby villages of Roaring Creek, Camalote, St. Matthew, Cotton Tree, Frank's Eddy, More Tomorrow, St. Margaret, and Armenia. Services will include medical consultations for the outpatient department, maternal and child health services – including immunization, prenatal, postnatal, family planning, cancer screening, child health - dental health, mental health, pharmacy, and phlebotomy services.

The project is funded through a loan at an estimated BZ\$1.4 million by the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Belize, and implemented through the Social Investment Fund.

The Minister of Health Hon. Pablo Marin stated that the facility is much needed since the demand for primary health care services in Belmopan and its catchment area has increased over the last three years. He added that the facility would assist in strengthening the health system response by providing a spacious, clean and climate-resilient polyclinic for the communities it will serve.

The project is aligned with the Government of Belize's Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy, which aims to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the Belizean population, as well as the Ministry of Health's core objective of providing universal access and coverage for Belizeans.

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