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Corozal District Sheep Management Field Day

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Today, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise in collaboration with the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Sheep Project Phase II) held a “Sheep Management Field Day” at the farm of Mr. Benito Vasquez in Paraiso Village, Corozal District.

The field day was held with 15 sheep and goat farmers, extension officers, and other interested parties from the Corozal District and included demonstrations in feeding management, sheep barn management, breed demonstration, recordkeeping and meat cuts preparation. Mr. Vasquez, a well-respected sheep farmer, demonstrated his skills during the event.

The field day is a part of the commitment of the Sheep Project Phase II to have farmers teaching farmers. The project includes a budget of US\$3 million for a four-year implementation that was signed and agreed to in March 2020. Its objectives include, among others, to continue to assist Belizean farmers to further improve the quality of their sheep and goats; to conduct a market study and value chain analysis to promote consumption and market penetration for sheep and goat products; and to strengthen the sheep and goat traceability system to improve value chain efficiencies.

During the closing remarks, Mr. Eason Huang, Project Specialist, reaffirmed the commitment of the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project to continue supporting the farmers of Belize through theoretical and practical training and educational outreach.

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