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### **MPUELE signs Consent Agreement with the Village of San Benito Poite for a Hybrid Micro-Grid Solar PV System**

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On January 13, a consent agreement was signed between the Government of Belize and the village of San Benito Poite for a Hybrid Micro-grid Solar Photovoltaic System. Upon completion, this system is expected to provide reliable and affordable power for 115 households by generating over 100 kilowatt-peak (kWp) of electricity.

Signing on behalf of the Government of Belize were Mr. Jose Urbina, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance, and Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government.

This important milestone underscores the government's efforts to ensure that all Belizeans have access to power. This project is part of the wider Energy Access Program being implemented by the ministry. The project will play an important role in many sectors such as education, agriculture, and health, thus contributing to the sustainable growth of the country.

The project is funded by the European Union under the European Union Development Fund in partnership with the Government of Belize and Belize Electricity Limited.

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