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## BEL Celebrates Milestone as San Benito Poite Signs Consent Agreement for Mini-Grid Electrification

On Saturday, January 13, 2024, the village of San Benito Poite, in the Toledo District, along with the Government of Belize, officially signed a consent agreement, greenlighting the commencement of a Mini-Grid Electrification project.

In 2022 the European Union (EU) signed an agreement with Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) for a grant of 4.5 million Euros and a BEL contribution of 0.5 million Euros equivalent to 11 million Belize Dollars to fund a Rural Electrification Project for five remote villages in Belize.

San Benito Poite is the first of three villages in the Toledo District, that are considered under this project, to sign the consent agreement. This milestone marks a significant step towards ensuring that every household in San Benito Poite is electrified with safe, reliable and sustainable energy solutions.

The signing ceremony, which was organized by the Government of Belize, was attended by representatives from BEL, village leaders, Government officials, and LAIT UP Belize. Once commissioned, BEL will operate and maintain the mini-grid schemes that will be supplied with electricity that is generated and stored using hybrid solar, diesel, and battery technologies.

BEL, Government of Belize representatives and other stakeholders continue consultations with residents and leaders of other remote and unserved communities in Toledo District that have been identified as beneficiaries under this Rural Electrification Project.



Residents of San Benito Poite and key stakeholders attend official signing of the consent agreement.



Village leaders of San Benito Poite sign the consent agreement.