

Banana Accompanying Measures Electrification Project
Funded under the Banana Accompanying Measures (BAM) 2012

On May 28th, 2014, the Grant Contract was signed between Belize Electricity Limited (the Beneficiary) and the Government of Belize through the National Authorizing Office (NAO) (the Contracting Authority) for the electrification of thirty (30) rural communities and fourteen (14) Banana Farms scattered throughout Stann Creek and Northern Toledo District of Belize. The overall objective of the project is to provide a safe source of electricity to: effect a more efficient and less harmful banana production in economically depressed communities within Stann Creek and Northern Toledo; promote an improved standard of living and additional income earning opportunities; while providing other benefits such as crime reduction in those areas. The target groups were fourteen (14) Banana Farms and thirty (30) communities located in the rural areas throughout the Stann Creek and Northern Toledo districts of Belize. The communities and farms that will benefit from the project includes:

- I. Toledo District's Trio and Esperanza villages.
- II. Banana Farms No. 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 9 and 10 and Farm 21 – housing area in the Toledo District.
- III. Bella Vista, San Juan, Red Bank, Georgetown, Cowpen, Maya Mopan, Santa Rosa, San Roman, Silk Grass, Riversdale, Maya Center, Santa Cruz, Hopkins, Sittee River, St. Margaret, Second New Site, Pomona Valley, Hummingbird Community, Middlesex, Valley Community, Steadfast, Sarawee and Mullins River in the Stann Creek District. Also in the Stann Creek district are the following extensions of Independence Village: Trench Town Area, Noralez Extension, Survival Lane Extension and New Site Independence.
- IV. Banana Farms; 1, 2, and 3 in the Stann Creek District.

This project will conclude in July 2017 and was funded by the European Union and Government of Belize to a tune of BZ\$3.75mn with the EU contributing BZ\$3mn and BEL BZ\$0.75mn.

