

## Banana Accompanying Measures (BAM) 2013

### Pipeline projects for BAM 2013

<b>a. BAM 2013 – Banana Competitiveness</b>	
<b><u>Support to Banana Growers</u></b>	<p>Banana Accompanying Measures (BAM) 2013 programme will provide financial assistance to the Belize banana sector, more specifically the Banana Growers Association (BGA). The BGA includes 23 banana farms with 6,850 acres under production in Toledo and Stann Creek Districts. There is need for sector adjustment to the new market conditions derived from the reduction in banana import tariffs and eventual erosion of the preferential margins that the group of banana exporters from the ACP countries had on the European market.</p> <p>The support will deal with the inefficiencies in the production practices hindering further improvements in yields. Constraints to yield improvements include inadequate application of good agronomic practices such as adequate land preparation, clearing activities, fallowing, rehabilitation of soil fertility (structural, chemical and biological) together with appropriate drainage and effective irrigation systems, allowing fertigation.</p>
<b><u>TA to UB for Meristem production</u></b>	<p>An assessment of the UB's micropropagation facility to sustainably serve the local agricultural sector producing high quality planting material", was conducted from January to February 2016. The report recommended, that because of the small size of the Belizean market, financial sustainability would only be possible if the laboratory's activities were to diversify.</p> <p>The following activities were recommended: (a) Study tour to banana micro propagation facilities in Honduras (Zamorano University and Galiltec), (b) Consultant/training activities on variety diversification and protocols for the production of elite banana lines adapted to Belize, (c) consultant/training in production of clean stock pineapple planting material, (d) production and marketing of ornamentals varieties and (e) realistic business plan for the next five years.</p>
<b>b. BAM 2013 – Improved Economic and Social Development</b>	
<b><u>The Upgrade of Hopkins Village Main Street and Water System - Phase 1</u></b>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b> Hopkins Village Main Street &amp; Water System Phase I consist of two segments of 3.15 km of road, which 1.6km North Road starts from the cemetery junction to the King Cassava junction and the 1.55km South Road starts from the King Cassava junction to the end of the Hopkins Village main street. Includes also the water system main pipe along the Hopkins village main street.</p>
<b><u>The Upgrade Of Hopkins Village Water System - Phase 2</u></b>	<p><b>Phase 2:</b> The Hopkins design considers transmission line from the southern highway to a new water tank site, connected to the new distribution system and household metering.</p>

<b><u>Hummingbird &amp; Middlesex Water Supply System</u></b>	The Hummingbird & Middlesex Water Supply system design involves the transmission line from an open source to a new water tank site, connected to the new distribution system and household metering.
<b>Pomona Water Supply Upgrade</b>	The upgrade of Pomona’s village water system will include the rehabilitation of the water system, well & pump site, electrical installation and tank repairs, as well as the fencing of the well and pump site.
<b><u>Upgrade of Independence Polyclinic</u></b>	The upgrade of Independence Polyclinic will consist of the construction of the second floor of the polyclinic building as well as the offices, conference room, and administrative sections.
<b><u>Upgrade of Bella Vista Health Facility</u></b>	The Bella Vista Health Center will involve the extension of the health center to polyclinic status by upgrading its facility.
<b><u>Sanitation Improvements in Primary Schools</u></b>	<p>The Primary Schools Sanitation Facilities project consist of the rehabilitation of 10 school’s restrooms in the Banana Belt. The schools were chosen on basis on worst outbreaks of communicable diseases, and level of poverty. The schools are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Package 1: Maya Mopan, San Pablo and Red Bank Christian  Package 2: Independence, Bella Vista, Seine Bight and San Juan  Package 3: San Isidro, Bladden, and Trio</p>
<b>Equipment and Supplies for Independence and Bella Vista</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The medical laboratory &amp; diagnostic equipment will be purchased for both Independence and Bella Vista health facilities.</li> <li>• Medical Ambulance</li> <li>• Facility Generators</li> <li>• Air Conditioning System</li> <li>• Fire Alarm System</li> </ul>
<b>Communications Consultant Implemented</b>	The purpose of the consultancy is to increase visibility of BAM Programme achievements and ensure an effective communication of programme activities, results and goals with target beneficiaries, partners and key national and international stakeholders.
<b>Technical Vocational Education</b>	<p>The outputs of this consultancy are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity Building of local teacher training institutions to offer Competency based Education and Training in the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector. It is foreseen that after an assessment of existing teacher training institutions (minimum of 10) in Belize, a maximum of 3 teacher training institutions will have their Programmes reviewed, and staff trained</li> </ol>

	<p>in order to be able to implement this specific sub-sector of teacher education.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="548 212 1403 321">2. Professional Development for TVET educators. It is foreseen that a minimum of 60 instructors and vocational teachers will be awarded a Diploma in CBET which will include an Industry attachment.</li><li data-bbox="548 327 1403 396">3. A minimum of 45 Managers/Principals/Head of Departments be awarded a Leadership Certificate.</li><li data-bbox="548 403 1403 472">4. 60 Private Sector participants will receive training in support of the implementation of the TVET.</li></ol>
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