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Ministers of Government Visit Schools & Health Projects in the Northern Region

The Government of Belize, recognising the significant role of Belizeans to have greater access to quality education and quality health care in pursuit of nation building, is constructing new Primary School substitution buildings and Polyclinics in the Northern Region.

In this regard, Minister of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce, Hon Erwin Contreras and Hon Dr Angel Campos, Minister of State, Ministry of Health visited schools and health projects currently being implemented by Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF).

Projects visited included, Chunox Saint Viator Vocational High School, Our Lady of Guadalupe, R.C. Primary School, Chunox Polyclinic and San Narciso Polyclinic, Corozal District. They are scheduled for completion by June 2017.

The Government of Belize in recognition of the critical role of education for social, economic, cultural, environmental and political development by way of empowering future leaders with knowledge, skills and values to enhance Belize's socio-economic development; is funding the construction of schools and health projects in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank and with counterpart funding from the respective communities.

The new Polyclinics will improve community health as well as reduce maternal and child morbidity and mortality, water-borne, food borne, and vector borne conditions, communicable and non-communicable diseases. Thus, making critical achievements in improving the quality of health of men, women and children.

The developmental projects are being implemented by Belize Social Investment Fund which is an implementing agency of the Government of Belize that addresses the basic needs of Belizeans as enshrined in Government's policy to alleviate poverty.

It is within this context, BSIF is collaborating with the Ministries of Health, and Education, Culture, Youth and Sports in implementing both health and school projects as part of its mandate to work in line with the Government's strategy to address the basic needs of Belizeans in the areas of education, water, sanitation, health, human development and social transformation etc.

The Ministers were accompanied by Executive Director, Belize Social Investment Fund, Mr William Lamb Jr along with Field Officer, Mr Ivor Mendez and other support staff during the tour on May 3.

“Belize Social Investment Fund...*Breaking the Cycle of poverty*”

