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Government of Belize Investing & Empowering Over 150 Students in Corozal with Academic & Vocational Opportunities

An Official Ceremony to inaugurate Chunox Saint Viator Vocational High School new school building was held on the school's compound in Chunox, Corozal on **24** November, 2017. This is as a result of the Government of Belize recognizing 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. The Government funded the completion of Chunox Saint Viator Vocational High School sub-project in the Northern Region courtesy of a **grant of \$1.2 million BZ** dollars from the Caribbean Development Bank under the Basic Needs Trust Fund BNTF's Education & Human Resources Development sector with counterpart funding from Government and in kind contributions by the community.

SIF's intervention to Saint Viator vocational High School project entailed the construction of a two classroom building measuring 30 feet wide by 90 feet long including a 5-foot front veranda along the with male and female lavatories for students and teachers, upgrading of the Administration Building, Information Communication Technology and Science Laboratories. In addition to the infrastructure development, training was also provided to teachers and parents in Information Communication Technology, Parenting Skills, Marketing Strategy Skills, First Aid / Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Basic Computer skills, and English as a Second Language (ESL) all aimed at improving Human Resource Development through capacity building.



The School project was implemented by the Social Investment Fund, which is an implementing agency of the Government of Belize addressing the basic needs of Belizeans as enshrined in Government's policy to address the basic development needs of Belizeans in the areas of education, water and sanitation, health, human development and social transformation. SIF in this regard, collaborated with the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture in implementing Chunox Saint Viator Vocational High School sub-project to ensure the quality of vocational education is met following the standards set for secondary education. Special invited guests at the event included the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon Patrick Faber, the Principal, Mr Marconie Moh, the Executive Director, Social Investment Fund, Mr William Lamb Jr, representatives of Parents Teachers Association, parents and residents among others. **END**