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PRESS RELEASE

Belize Receives Hurricane Relief Donation from Brazil

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Today, the Government of Belize received hurricane relief items from the people and Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil through the Brazilian Cooperation Agency.

Hon. Elvia Vega Samos, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, received the donation from H.E. Agemar de Mendonça Sanctos, Brazil's Ambassador to Belize.

Valued at an estimated US\$33,000, the relief items include food packs, hygiene kits, and 500 kg of dehydrated nutritional soups.

During the handing-over ceremony, representatives of both governments spoke about the importance of helping each other during times of need. Belize expressed gratitude to the people and Government of Brazil for their generosity which contributed to the continued support of families impacted by Hurricane Lisa.

Also present were Ambassador Amalia Mai, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, in her capacity as the Chair of the Foreign Assistance Committee of NEMO, and Marconi Leal, Jr., Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

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