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## WE KEEP GROWING!

## ENEE WILL ELECTRIFY GUANAJA, BRUS LAGUNA AND THE HONDURAS DRY CORRIDOR

With assistance from the IDB, communities will receive the supply through microgrids and solar panels.



The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved the donation of some 6 million dollars (L 141.9 million) to the Government of Honduras for the electrification, via microgrids and solar panels, of the Island of Guanaja, Brus Laguna, El Corpus and Concepción de Maria.

The funds were approved through the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP).

According to Carlos Jácome, IDB's energy sector specialist, the staff of the National Electric Company (ENEE) through the Social Electric Development Program (FOSODE), presented the studies and requirements to qualify for this donation in record time.

This allowed us to access this benefit and be able to turn Honduras into a pioneer nation at the Central American level in the installation of this type of electrification technology on a large scale.

"In order to support the development and use of sustainable energy in Honduras, we participated in the process to obtain funds for solar electrification," explained Mario Cardona, director of FOSODE.



"The solar microgrid will work in Brus Laguna and Guanaja, areas in which the batteries of each installation will have a life span of between 4 and 7 years," Cardona continued.

Detailing that the timely payment of the electricity consumption bill will guarantee all customers the continuity of service and the timely replacement of the batteries when they have expired.

"In the case of Canal Seco homes, these will be electrified by installing 650 solar panels," said the official.



The socialization plan of the project is currently being prepared, so that the residents of the areas to be served can learn about the benefits that electric service through renewable energy will provide.

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ENEE supplies the electrical service to 16 of the 18 departments of Honduras, registering an electrical coverage of 81%.

Through the microgrid project, the state power company will be able to provide service to Guanaja in the Bay Islands and Brus Laguna in Gracias Lempiras, two departments that have not been served by the company to date.

## **BENEFITS**

Improvement of the quality of life, tourist and commercial growth of the areas, greater security among others

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