

## ***Chapter 8: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL IMPACTS***

### **8.1 Social Benefits**

This proposed development shall have significant beneficial impacts to communities such as from Riversdale, Sittee River and Hopkins Village directly relating to job opportunities. During the construction phase, construction workers will be pooled from the above mentioned communities, providing an opportunity for an alternative to fishing.

Post construction phase, employment opportunities will be for available for several better paid job opportunities such as in management and operations. In addition, workers will also be required for daily maintenance of the caye.

During the construction phase some employees will be housed on the caye for periods of ten (10) days at a time. Temporary housing facilities will be provided. Potable water resource would be from rainwater catchment and bottled water. Adequate restroom facilities will be provided by means of a temporary multi-chambered pre-cast steel floated septic tank equipped with an elevated lined evapo-transpiration bed. The evapo-transpiration bed will be filled with soil imported from the main land.

As has been mentioned previously, this project will have no impact on navigational routes. The marina slips will be lighted with photovoltaic lights as well as the floating rafts. These will however, be away from any navigational route simply due to the design of the project.

### **8.2 Emergency Preparedness**

In regards to hurricane plan, within thirty six hours of the possible impact of a hurricane to Belize, guest will start to vacated inland or return to their place of origin and within twenty fours of a hurricane possibly making land fall all guest and employees would have been evacuated inland. This is where the emergency gasoline will play a key role.

Management will develop a more detail hurricane plan based on actual situations as the project develops, but the basis of the plan will be in keeping with the National Emergency Management Organization established hurricane policy.

In regards to emergency with respect to injury or health factors, a skiff will be on site at all times for such purpose. Transportation will be Sittee River and then to the Southern Regional Hospital. In addition, employees will be trained in basic first aid.