



HUMANA People to People Belize



Annual Report 2010

“It is about fostering new generations with golden hearts and heads and hands, well educated and with a personal ethic of such proportions, that humanized relationships of all sizes can serve as substitutes for all sorts of dehumanized phenomena”

*From the
Humana People to People Charter*





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Message from the Board of Directors.

Welcome to our 2010 Annual Report.

The year 2010 will be presented with a kaleidoscope of pictures from the projects' activities within Child Aid Toledo, Child Aid Belize North and HUMANA Belize's second hand clothes project.

2010 has been a special year for HUMANA Belize, or more specifically, for the people who make HUMANA Belize what it is on a daily basis. Evaluation has been high on the agenda. Do the implemented activities have the expected results and effects? Have the livelihoods of families, who were assisted with a latrine in 2008 or a firewood saving stove in 2009 and much more, really improved? Are the families utilizing their assets and knowledge for the intended purposes? The answer is, of course, YES. The families have collaborated in identifying their needs, they have joint HUMANA Belize in digging, mixing and hammering to complete structures, and some have contributed financially to the activities as well. When people are involved and play an active role, as they do in all Child Aid activities, they learn, gain a greater appreciation, and grow. Additionally, all the training regarding health, sanitation and environment also broadens the people's understanding and contributes to their improved livelihood.



From HUMANA Belize and on behalf of all the people in our projects, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to our main sponsors, Planet Aid USA and Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo (formerly HUMANA Spain). We also thank the British High Commission, the local business community and several local government departments for their support. Together we make the projects a success.

We then, must also stress the importance of each project's Project Leader. The Project Leaders are the primary strength of the organization. Individually, they are the backbone of the projects and thereby the organization; as a collective, they are the organization's leadership. HUMANA Belize therefore follows an inverted, hierarchic pyramid, a structure that ensures a committed and engaged staff.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the Project Leaders for their dedication and extensive efforts in the projects.

We, HUMANA People to People Belize, will continue to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and fight with them to combat poverty and to create a better nation – and a better world. We hope that many more of you will support us in this fight.

With these few words we invite you to visit our projects both in this report and in person, and to contribute generously.

*Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Humana People to People Belize*



About HUMANA People to People Belize.

HUMANA Belize's mission is to create development in the broadest sense particularly through the establishment and implementation of projects that aim to transfer knowledge, skills and capacity to individuals and communities that need assistance to overcome poverty and dehumanizing conditions.

HUMANA Belize is currently implementing two Child Aid projects: one in rural Toledo and one in the rural areas of Orange Walk and Corozal. In all nearly 6,000 families are involved in these projects.

The Child Aid projects work with community leaders, schools, Parent-Teacher Associations, youth, children and families within 10 lines of community development actions.

To generate funds for the Child Aid projects HUMANA Belize imports and sells second hand clothes.

HUMANA Belize is a member of the Federation of Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement and from that membership, benefits from more that 30 years of experiences in international development.

HUMANA Belize was registered as a non-profit organization under the laws of Belize in 2007.

HUMANA Belize Staff:



HUMANA Belize (administration, partnership, project coordination) – from left: Susanne, Jaime, Rina



2nd hand clothes sale project council – from left: Maricela, Vicky, Tea, Karren, Damaris, Wilbert, Maria (missing shop assistants)



Child Aid Belize North project council - from left: Edgar, Wilbert, Genara, Clarissa, Magdalena, Maricela, Tomasa, poverty fighters, Teresita, (missing Dolores)



Child Aid Toledo project council – from left: Reginia, Marcos, Pantaleon, Adriano (missing Santos + poverty fighters)



The Child Aid Concept

A Child Aid project is a community-based project involving 3,000 families. The children, the families, and their communities organize themselves and take action within 10 universal lines of development to improve the lives of the communities' children. This ensures their survival and creates opportunities for them to develop and to reach their full potential.

Child Aid works to empower and organize every child and family to take initiative and take action as a community to improve the circumstances of the children. The project utilizes several organizational structures, including committees, community actions, campaigns, school programs, clubs for children, youth, women, and others.

HUMANA Belize began implementation of Child Aid Toledo in 2007 and Child Aid Belize North in 2008. At present, nearly 6,000 families and 50 schools are participating in the programs. By defining the size of the project with such high numbers, Child Aid promotes the active participation of everyone, teaming up with the people in the community.

The children themselves are the main players in the Child Aid project, they are not just beneficiaries, but also active participants. By taking part in the Child Aid activities, the children learn that they can act to improve their situation, and that their actions matter. The children are counted on to be activists in the Child Aid projects.



Close to 6,000 families are actively participating in activities within these 10 lines of actions:

1. Strengthen the economy of the family
2. Health
3. Pre-schools
4. Children & Youth as active members of society
5. Children in difficult situations
6. Education
7. District Development
8. Environment
9. Culture & Communication
10. Farmers Club





An overview of project achievements January – December 2010

Child Aid Toledo.

- 62 income generating activities implemented
- 1,570 families establishing and maintaining organic backyard gardens
- 6 additional families with latrines
- 54 additional families with firewood saving stoves
- 2,300 individuals reached with face-to-face HIV/AIDS information
- 2,750 condoms distributed
- 500 individuals tested for HIV
- 7 active youth groups
- 294 youth active in youth clubs
- 22 malaria prevention actions
- 20 teachers participated in educational sessions
- 200 adults participated in literacy campaign
- 1,375 trees planted in communities
- 180 community cleaning action
- 15 new families received pass-on loans
- 20 workshops held to salute small farmers and promote farming
- 20 workshops about sanitation, hygiene and health
- 183 actions to improve health and hygiene in communities
- 875 families provided with moringa trees
- 41 sessions about climate change and global warming
- And many more



Child Aid Belize North

- 15 campaigns to mobilize for pre-school enrollment
- 7 campaigns to keep children in school
- 24 schools involved in organic vegetable garden programs
- 28 activities to assist vulnerable children in the communities
- 2,800 individuals supported with food and clothing
- 18 events for children and youth
- 275 active youth participants in youth clubs
- 2,950 families supported with seeds for backyard vegetable gardening
- 50 income generating activities implemented
- 50 families with chickens for slaughter
- 1,300 families with improved sanitation for their households
- 350 families practicing garbage selection
- 75 actions to improve health in the communities
- 355 people tested for HIV/AIDS
- 3,700 condoms distributed
- 10 communities with nurseries of fruit trees, medicinal trees, and flowers
- 2,850 trees planted in the communities
- 20 active women's groups participating in various courses
- 560 women provided with health check: HIV, glucose, blood pressure, eyes
- 3 nutrition classes conducted for people who suffer from high glucose
- 58 sessions and actions to spread awareness about climate change
- 6 activities to support district development
- And many more



The Project Leaders' comments.

Pantaleon Escobar, Child Aid Toledo.

The project has played a big role in mobilizing people in the communities, and the notion of taking the project into their own hands is becoming more real, as many people have started to take action individually and as a community.

Now, when the project constructs firewood saving stoves with selected families, neighboring families see the benefits and construct their own stoves. Or when families start to produce vegetables in their individual gardens, neighbors come and ask for their advice and support. We are also beginning to see an improvement regarding sanitation issues in many of the communities. These changes are all to the benefit of the children and to the communities themselves.

Youth have played a big role in the communities development and youth groups have taken action in many parts of the project: cleaning campaigns, HIV and AIDS awareness campaigns, and summer programs for preschool children, just to mention a few.

Child Aid Toledo has a good relationship with other organizations and government departments based in Toledo District. This has allowed many Child Aid families to start small income generating projects or to receive training in important topics. This clearly demonstrates that the Child Aid "project council" is skilled in channeling possibilities, small projects, and knowledge from a partner to people who needs them.

The project council can celebrate its achievement of many day-to-day improvements among individuals and families.



Wilber Tzul, Child Aid Belize North.

The impact of Child Aid is most welcomed; the project improves living conditions in the communities and assists children in difficult situations. We have seen changes in many communities, with the babies, children, youth, parents, community leaders and other NGOs. People have seen and experienced for themselves that the project delivers tools with which they learn to take steps and complete tasks, all important, on their own. This gives them a great deal of hope and optimism.

The children and youth are happy that Child Aid has arrived in their communities, because they now work on activities that directly improve the well-being of their families, communities and their personal lives. Children and youth have more friends now and they see that they are being appreciated for who they are and of what they do. They are proudly participating in cleaning actions in their communities and door-to-door campaigns that deliver important information. The youth have learned what an American president once said: "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY."

Many women's groups have been formed and are meeting on a regular basis. Some fundraise for activities, while others are getting trained in useful skills that can improve their income. Like the children and the youth these women's groups are a great positive force to improve the livelihood in the communities.

In conclusion, I can say that this has been a wonderful year, one in which we in HUMANA Belize have taken the great progress of the project personally.



Fighting shoulder to shoulder with the poor:

"Today poverty is still with us in a world so full of opportunities and wealth. 1.7 billion people live in extreme poverty (on less than \$ 1.25/day) and nearly 3 billion live on \$ 2.50/day, about half of the population on our planet. More than 24,000 children die daily from poverty, (.....) At IICD we have decided not to be silent bystanders to what is happening in the world today when we can put ourselves into a position to do something about it"

The above is a quote from IICD's website: www.iicdmichigan.org

IICD is a nonprofit educational institute located in Michigan- USA, and a partner to HUMANA Belize. Participants from around the world, who want to do their part in fighting with the poor, are trained at IICD before they join the HUMANA projects. At IICD they learn about community mobilization, health and hygiene, vegetable garden production, environmental issues and much more, including the reality of the poor and how to join in their fight to beat poverty.

"Poverty Fighters", as the volunteers are called, have many ideas and give a lot of inspiration to the people, - both to the families in the projects and to the staff and the project leaders with whom they work closely.

The Poverty Fighters work with the Child Aid project for 4 months. They work in teams of two with a demanding task list that includes family economy, health, HIV & AIDS, education, children and youth, and environment.

In 2010, 14 Poverty Fighters have been based shoulder to shoulder with families in communities of rural Toledo and rural Orange Walk and Corozal.



HUMANA People to People Belize
looks forward to a continued fruitful partnership with IICD Michigan
and welcoming many more Poverty Fighters to the projects





Creating Funds through second hand clothes shops.

The idea behind the sale of second hand clothes is to:

- Create funds for HUMANA Belize projects
- Promote recycling
- Create jobs
- Provide the less fortunate people of Belize with affordable clothes

HUMANA shops are located in the towns of Corozal, Orange Walk, and San Ignacio; in Mango Creek Village and in Belize City.

This year the project can again proudly state that the HUMANA shops generated more than 100,000 BZ\$ (50,000 US\$). This money was much needed and was well spent on activities in the Child Aid projects. Combined between the 5 HUMANA Belize shops, more than 50 tons of second hand clothes were sold.

Since 2009 the HUMANA Belize shops have sold the clothes using a 4-week cycle system that is now well known among the many returning customers. This system helps to monitor the sales and guides the shop managers in using new strategies.

1st week
New
consignment

2nd week
Discount
on special
items

3rd week
25%
discount on
all items

4th week
Clearance
sale on all
items



HUMANA Belize takes this opportunity to thank all those people who donated their clothes instead of sending them to landfills (where the majority of the clothes, made from synthetic fibers, would not decompose) and of course to all the customers who, month after month buy clothes in the HUMANA Belize shops..





The Federation of Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement.

HUMANA People to People Belize is a member of the Federation of Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement, which is also known as Humana People to People.

HUMANA People to People is an international membership organization, which at present is comprised of 35 national associations working in 42 countries on five continents. The members are nonprofit organizations, that are working in the field of international development and cooperation. Humana People to People members presently operate 330 developmental projects reaching 11.5 million people on a yearly basis. Furthermore, approximately 13.2 million people are reached annually through the secondhand clothes sales and distribution system.

The organization works within the areas of basic health, HIV/AIDS, education, agriculture, environment, relief aid and community development.

HUMANA People to People Belize gains strength from its membership in the Federation Humana People to People. From its headquarters in Zimbabwe the core activity of the Federation is to provide the member associations with services and actions that will help them to achieve their objectives.

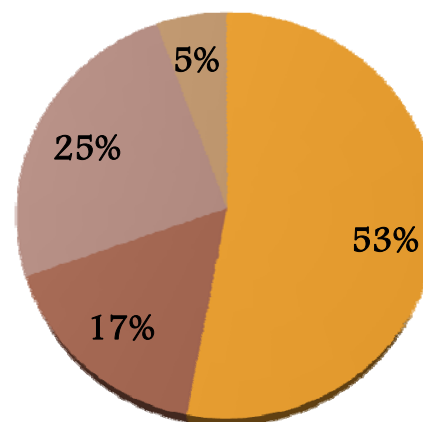
To learn more about the development projects operated by HUMANA People to People, please visit: www.humana.org



Financial overview:

Contributions & Own Income.

	BZ\$	%
<i>Planet Aid, USA</i>	<i>253,300</i>	<i>53%</i>
<i>HUMANA Spain</i>	<i>80,000</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>British High Commission</i>	<i>15,100</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>Other donations</i>	<i>11,500</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Total contributions</i>	<i>359,900</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Surplus from own 2nd hand clothes project</i>	<i>119,000</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Total income</i>	<i>478,900</i>	<i>100%</i>





The contributions were distributed among the following categories:

	BZ\$	%
<i>Staff Costs</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>31%</i>
<i>Program Expenses</i>	<i>171,000</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>International Volunteers</i>	<i>35,300</i>	<i>7%</i>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>7%</i>
<i>Training of staff</i>	<i>7,400</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>16,700</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>Technical Support</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>4%</i>
<i>Surplus for 2011</i>	<i>46,300</i>	<i>10%</i>

