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Dear friends and colleagues, staff and partners, and community members



n behalf of the people in Southern Belize who work daily with Humana People to People Belize and are part of the life at the projects, I welcome you to enjoy the results of our united efforts presented in our annual report for 2016. Our contribution to development is characterized by: solidarity, humanism, passion for development, from people to people - shoulder to shoulder.

Despite the economic challenges which affected the country, Humana People to People Belize continue to be active in the rural areas of Toledo and South Stann Creek, - in key areas such as child care and development, health and nutrition, literacy and education, food security and environment.

Humana People to People Belize is proud to partner with various ministries - specially at local and district level - and with all the teachers, health workers, community leaders, volunteers and NGO's in the two districts. As a district livestock officer said, "from an extension point of view, Humana People to People Belize's connection with the department made reaching out to farmers 20% more effective". The best respond to that is by quoting an African proverb: 'alone you walk fast, together we reach far'.

Humana People to People Belize's own fundraising project, the secondhand clothes, generated funds for development activities through retail and wholesale. This project is our bread and butter — the project makes our organization stronger and sustainable. We thank the many customers who in 2016 bought clothes in our shops and thereby contributed to the economy of Humana People to People Belize.

We also thank our long term partners within the Humana People to People Movement - specially Planet Aid, USA and Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo, for their financial support to the project. Lastly we also want to mention and thank Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology for the opportunity to providing consultancy for them related to an income generating activity in one of the communities - and the local business community who have supported the community project with inkind contributions. A special thank to The Stationary House and Citrus Products of Belize who in this way support Humana People to People Belize year after year.

In 2016 a total of 21 persons had full time employment in Humana People to People Belize - to whom we give a big thank you for all their energy and efforts in making 2016 another year of committed development shoulder to shoulder - and we look forward to continued cooperation.

Through a solid project implementation and dedicated work in the partnership office ground work has been done for expansion of Humana People to People Belize's work in 2017. We look forward to continue the fight on a bigger scale - shoulder to shoulder.

Susanne Jensen
Country Director Humana People to People Belize



It is about improving human relationships on a contemporary basis and to modern standards.

It is about the emancipation of every single human being on the level of personal happiness, and, at the same time, making each human responsible for the happiness of his neighbors through practical methods.

Extract from the Humana People to People Charter.

About Belize

Belize is a small country on the eastern coast of Central America, and is considered a Central American and Caribbean nation with strong ties to both the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

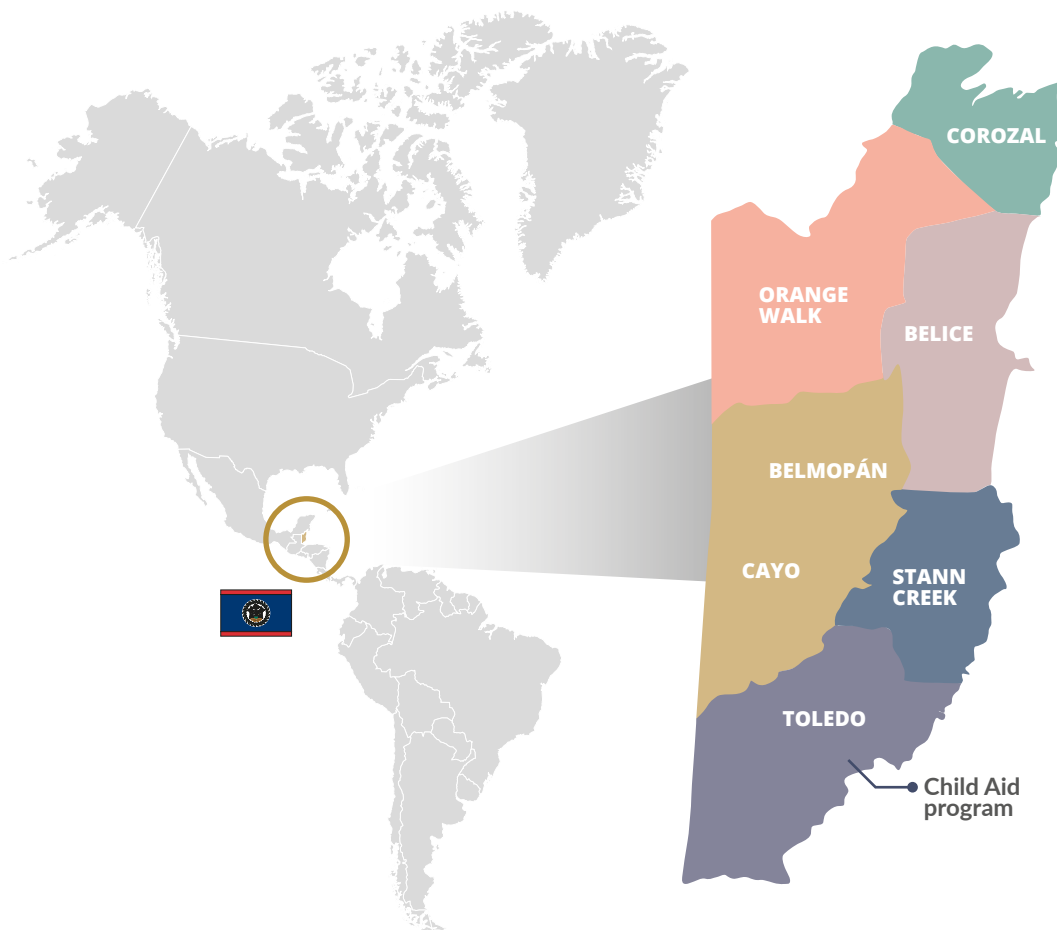
Belize attained independence from England on 21 September 1981. The country is not recognized by its neighbor Guatemala who claims that a portion of the territories belong to Guatemala.

With 22,800 square kilometers of land and with a population of just 370,300 (2015) Belize has the lowest population density in Central America.

In spite of Belize being recognized as an upper-middle-income country 44% of the Belizean population remains poor.

The most significant instances of poverty and impoverishment are within rural communities, particularly in Belize's southernmost district of Toledo where more than 50% of the population lives below the poverty line.

The Child Aid program is implemented in Toledo District.





Child Aid

The strategy of the program is to fight shoulder to shoulder with the families in the Child Aid activities to create development and a good life for the children in the community. The fight is based in village action groups, women and youth groups, farmers groups and/or many other group formations and their meetings and actions.

The program activities are organized in 10 activity lines that together form a broad and vivid array of actions to create development in the communities.

The structure of the projects is designed to encourage and make the families be the leading force in creating their own development and improving their living conditions. Men and women and the children themselves are active players in the Child Aid Project. 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 Child Aid program works with 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals agreed upon by UN in 2015:



Child Aid with some of its 2016 activities and

1

Health & Hygiene

1.800 condoms distributed	54 condom outlets
1.337 leaflets about HIV/ Aids distributed	5 new families with latrine
370 members trained in small business management	40 campaigns about malaria and dengue prevention

2

Strengthen the economy of the family

185 income generating activities	369 families with backyard vegetable gardens
10 new families in “pass-on-loan” program	14 new families with egg layers
370 members trained in small business management	230 women and youth in skill training (sewing, arts & craft, food processing)

3

Environment

5.625 trees planted	8 actions to reduce bush fires
60 awareness sessions about global warming and climate change	

4

Education

183 adults participating in literacy program	21 schools with vegetable gardens
38 active women groups	

achievements presented in numbers

5

Pre-school

819
children in summer
program

29
actions to
encourage for pre-
school enrollment

6

Children as active in society

361
youth active
through 35 youth
clubs

53
lessons in youth
clubs (gender, equality,
drugs and alcohol, etc.)

7

District Development

454
families
participating in the
district development
actions

27
actions to improve
roads, structures
or buildings in the
communities

8

Children in difficult situations

21
actions to assist
vulnerable children

231
vulnerable youth
reached through
youth clubs

9

Culture & Communication

3
open days in
communities

57
children and youth
in drama and music

10

Farmers Groups

76
workshops with
small farmers

12
farmers groups
established

The Project Council's report on the Effects of the Activities

In general the project has a good effect with the best being to see individuals, groups of women, youth, farmers and whole communities taking action on own affairs to improve their situation and create better conditions for the children.

An example is the farmers, who by participating in the project becomes organized and thereby better mobilized to learn new skills - both through theoretical training lessons, workshops and fieldtrips - and to agree on issues such as sales price level together. These farmers become stronger at the market. They earn more money to sustain their families.

Farmers and women groups have benefited from having model gardens or demonstration gardens where they meet and learn and discuss. Most model farms produce vegetable and fruit trees. The idea is to encourage families to diversify from only producing corn and beans by introducing new crops such as the vegetables and fruits. It's a process that takes time but it is moving and around the project we see many new fields coming up.

In 2016 the Ministry of Agriculture declared a participating woman from one of the project's model farms for "the female farmer of the year."

Food security is improving and many families have succeeded with their backyard vegetable garden production and/or chicken production and thus having secured food on the table. The project staff and the families are continuously working on and developing how to increase the production and success rate of the vegetable gardens as this is a challenge due to the weather.

Women are empowered and take a leading role in food security, income generating and voicing their concern in community related issues. Some of the women groups have joint forces and have organized themselves around hiring a teacher in art and craft. They can do that because of the income generating activity that they have are healthy maintaining - thus they have surplus. With the skill training they will now be able to produce more and better and thereby earn more money. One of the women groups managed to write a proposal for a new improved building for their women group which they use as museum and restaurant; the proposal was approved and the women group is now in process of constructing their new building.





Women are empowered through skill training and support in starting up small productions such as cacao or coffee production, vegetables production, fruits and processing of fruits, arts and craft

The Child Aid staff mobilizes youth to become teachers during the yearly Humana summer program carried out with the aim at mobilizing for pre-school enrollment and prepare the children for that. According to the district education officer and to several teachers this effort do increase enrollment in pre-schools.

In 2016, more than 800 children benefited from the summer program that was carried out in 14 communities of Toledo. It is a returning program that both children, youth and parents look forward to.

As sanitation always is high on the agenda for the Child Aid staff it is also developing and improving year after year. In 2016 the Child Aid staff in corporation with community members and a peace corps managed to establish a sustainable garbage collection system for a whole community. The system is now in process of being copied in another community. The system is basically that a garbage truck from a nearby village comes to the community to collect garbage on a weekly basis and families pay a small fee for that service. Simple but difficult to implement as all community members must agree to it and agree to the fee.

Child Aid has become an integrated part of the development work in the project area. Organizations and Government Departments reach out to the Child Aid staff in order to reach the people with training, awareness, and other important information and vice versa.

Each child is an individual human being with a unique path of life to follow.



Therefore it is important that the child is given the possibility to experience, see and also do as much as possible.

Children and youth need to be heard and taken seriously. They must have a voice to be directly involved.



Child Aid program organize clubs for children and youth where the children themselves are the main actors.



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Secondhand clothes

The Humana People to People Belize Clothes & Shoes project is designed to operate as a social business, producing positive environmental and socio-economic benefits. The project not only offers high quality affordable clothes and shoes to people living in Belize, it is also used to financially support Humana People to People Belize's community development project in Belize. The shops are located in the districts of Toledo and Stann Creek.

The clothes and shoes project had in 2016:

4

retails shops



reached more than

38.000

customers



117.000

pieces of secondhand
clothes & shoes sold



**Through the wholesale 27 customers
bought 34.000 lbs of clothes**

Approx. 7 kilo of CO₂ are saved for every kilo of clothing that is spared from disposal.



The Humana shops in Belize and its customers saved in 2016 more than 350 ton of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere by reusing 50.5 ton of secondhand clothes.

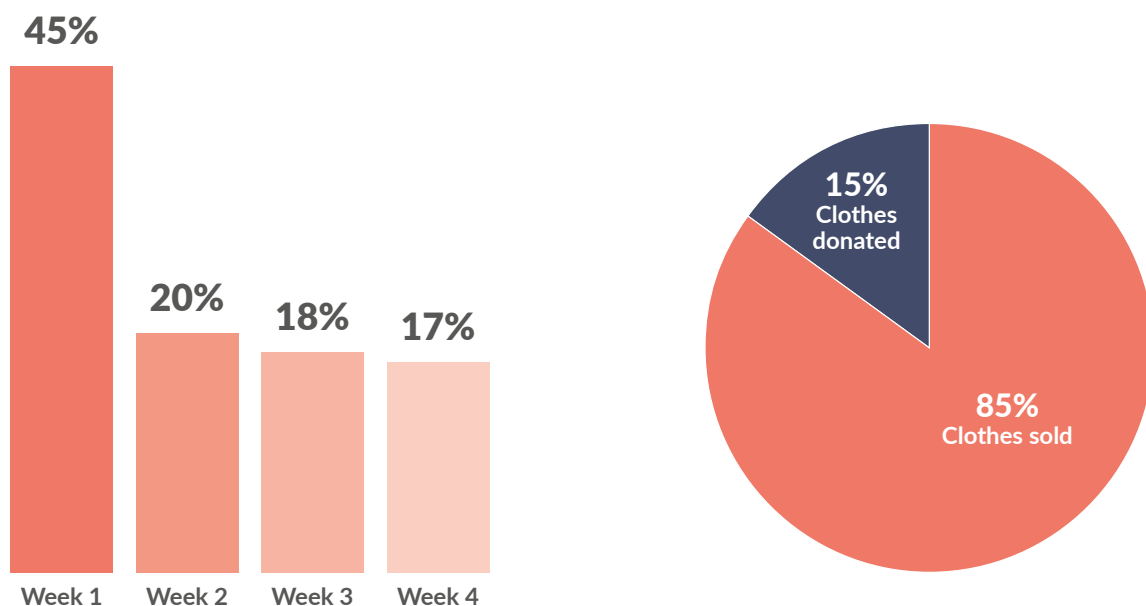
The Clothes & Shoes project and its sales strategy

The shops use a monthly cycle to turn over the consignment of clothes for each month.

In the 1st week of a cycle, the shops are stocked with the new consignment of clothes and the prices are kept at tag prices. As the shops sell the clothes new pieces are introduced. The shops obtain in average 45% of its sales goal for the month in the first week of each cycle.

In the 2nd week the shops offers 10% and up to 20% discount and start to make smart variations and in the 3rd week the shops sell the clothes with 25% and up to 40% discount and customers continue to get benefit from smart variations. Clearance is done in the 4th week with very low prices from 50% discount up to US\$ 0.50 per piece on the last day of the cycle.

The shops sell an average of 85% of all the clothes introduced. The remaining 15% of the clothes is donated to the Child Aid Project to be used by women groups in sewing courses or further donated to families in difficult situation - including emergency situations.

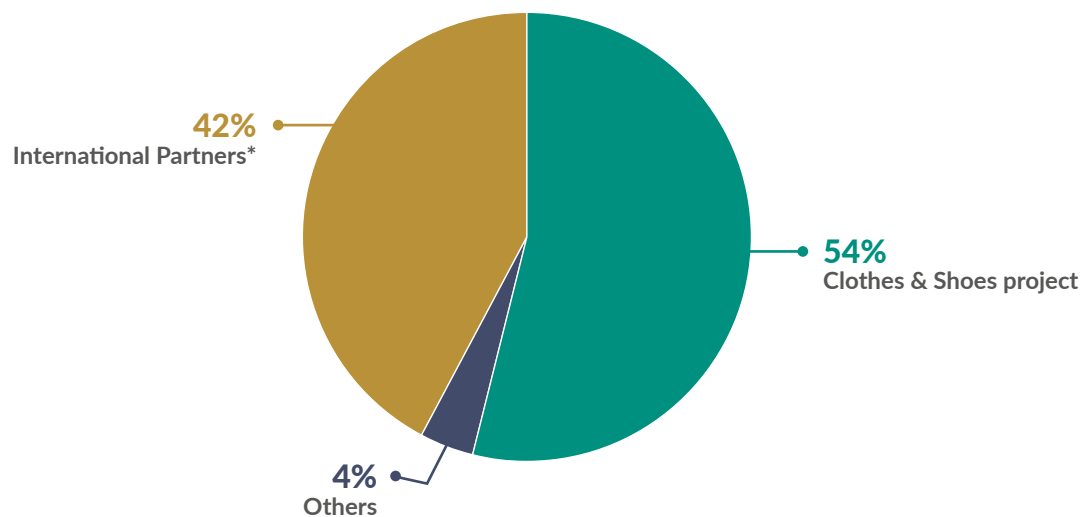


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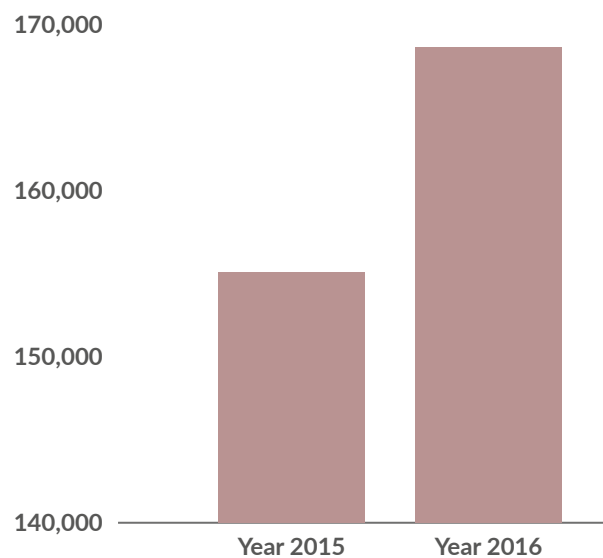
Finance

Source of funds (in US\$)



* including Planet Aid and Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo, both members of Humana People to People.

Income 2015-2016 (in US\$)



Humana People to People Belize

HPP Belize is registered by the Ministry of Human Development in Belize under Act No. 26 of 2000 as a non-governmental organization with certificate number 84/07. The date of registration was July 19, 2007.

HPP Belize is also registered as a Designated Non-Financial Business & Profession (DNFBP) with the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and holds registration number F0000-1259.

HPP Belize is registered by the Government of Belize's department of General Sales Tax under the general sales tax act 2005 and holds tin number 140427.

HPP Belize is also a member of the Federation of Associations Connected to the International Humana People to People Movement.



Governing body

HPP Belize is governed by its 3-member Board of Directors, which has the overall responsibility for its management. The board has appointed and given authority to the Country Director to lead and manage the day-to-day affairs of the organization.

HPP Belize has its headquarters in Toledo, where it has a team of qualified staff who are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the projects, ensuring that the projects achieve the agreed-upon goals, and securing compliance to donor regulations as agreed with HPP Belize's partners.

Indian Creek Village
Toledo District
Belize C.A.
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Humana People to People Belize.
Bella Vista Village
Toledo District

To whom it may concern;

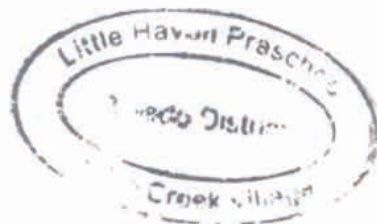
Indian Creek R.C. and Little Haven Preschool is being supported by Humana Organization in Program such as; Summer classes for early childhood children, child stimulation month activities and other recreational activities.

We would appreciate Humana continues support. We look forward for more programs eg. Reading, Garden, and other small group programs.

Sincerely
F. ACK.



M. Mendez





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16th June 2016

To Who It May Concern

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

This letter serves to acknowledge Humana People to People for the excellent collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Toledo District in the implementation of small projects in the rural communities. The implementation of backyard gardening is one of the several initiatives which both entities had collaborated for it to be successful. Capacity building for beneficiaries in the rural communities is one areas of support which had been provided by the Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

The Department of Agriculture will continue to collaborate with Humana People to People in the development of the rural communities.


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January 23rd, 2017

To Whom It May Concern

Ref: HUMANA People to People Belize

Dear Sir/Madam,

On July 1, 2015, the Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology (BEST) entered into a one year agreement with HUMANA People to People Belize, to conduct Monitoring, Oversight and Training for the San Miguel Pig Rearing Group in the Toledo District.

During this period, BEST had a good working relationship with HUMANA. The organization provided the necessary training and technical assistance services in an efficient and professional mannner. We observed that HUMANA likewise had a good working relationship with the community. Therefore, it is with confidence that we recommend HUMANA as a good collaborator for any services of this nature and look forward to a continuous working relationship with the organization.

Sincerely,

Dennis N. Jones
Managing Director





A women group working on their income generating activity.



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