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We empower and mobilize individuals, families and communities to reduce poverty and vulnerability to climate change; through local actions and built-in capacity.

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2017 was a great year for Humana People to People Belize with quite a few achievements.

Among them, we welcomed 14 new employees to our team, launched a new project focusing on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and opened the 5th Humana second-hand clothes shop. Our economy increased by 155%. In December 2017 our partnership team was again successful and secured funding for a three year Human Rights project. 2017 marked 10 years of our existence in Belize.

The organization's approach continues to be: Working shoulder to shoulder with families, groups and communities. Together, we create learning opportunities to inspire and strengthen knowledge, skills and capacity; enabling people to take a stand on the issues that affect their progress and well-being.

Together, we take action and through our combined actions we improve the quality of life for many people.

I quote the OAS (Organization of American States) Representative in Belize who recently joined us on an on-site visit:

"One of the things that struck me was that the projects, and their related activities and initiatives, were focused on helping people to help themselves. Moreover, it became very evident, during the visit, that the sustainability of the projects was guaranteed by the high degree of community involvement. I have always been a strong advocate of community-based projects, and what you exposed me to, epitomized the true benefits and untapped potential of this important approach in project implementation"

Mr. Starret Greene
OAS Representative in Belize

Greetings from the Country Director

I want to thank all our project staff for their commitment and devotion to the work. In sun and rain on the time schedule of the people in the communities, you are out there enthusiastically fighting to reach your goals – to make a change. Congratulations!

I also want to mention our income generating leg – the Second-Hand Clothes and Shoes Project, which year after year contribute with ever more funding. We are proud of this project which provides institutional and environmental sustainability.

Lastly, we want to thank our donors and supporters. Little in this report would have been possible without your financial and/or technical support.

I hope you will enjoy reading about our achievements and highlights presented in this report.



Susanne Jensen
Country Director
Humana People to People Belize



Humana People to People Belize (HPP Belize) started its project implementation in July 2007 and is currently operating 4 projects in Toledo and Stann Creek districts in Belize:



Governing body

HPP Belize is governed by a three - 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 the Toledo district, where it has a team of qualified staff who are responsible to implement the projects; to ensure that the projects achieve the agreed-upon goals, and to secure compliance to donor regulations.

Legal Status



HPP Belize is registered as a:

- **Non-governmental Organization** in the Ministry of Human Development in Belize, under Act No. 26 of 2000, with certificate number 84/07 and registration date July 19, 2007.
- **Designated Non-Financial Business & Profession (DNFBP)** in the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) with registration number F0000-1259.

It holds the **tin number 140427**, under the general sales tax act 2005, issued by the Government of Belize's department of General Sales Tax.

About Humana People to People Belize

Where we work

HPP Belize works in 32 communities in southern Belize, where:

- 43.7% of the population in Stann Creek district and 60.4% of the population in Toledo live below the poverty line (2009).
- The unemployment rate in the districts is at 15.5% in Stann Creek, the highest in the country, and at 8% in Toledo (2012).
- 22 of the 32 communities are inhabited by the indigenous Mayans and are governed by Mayan customs, tradition and laws.



Partnership in Development

‘Partnership in Development’ builds on the understanding that progress and development must be created ‘from people to people’. Our driving force will always be the people involved in the projects. However, partners who can provide financial resources and technical support, are need on the ground to make the development happen.

HPP Belize collaborates with many Partners in Development who have an interest in promoting progress within communities in the areas of economic livelihoods, health, climate change adaption and disaster risk reduction, women empowerment, environment and education.

On behalf of the beneficiaries of projects in 2017, we send our warmest greetings and heartfelt thanks to all our partners who have supported the projects and contributed in many ways to make the world a better place.

We hope for and look forward to your continued cooperation in the years to come.



Donors in 2017

Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund



Canada



HUMANA
Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo



Toledo Agro Produce

Supporters in 2017

DAVCO
District Association
Village Councils



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES, FORESTRY
AND THE ENVIRONMENT



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
YOUTH, SPORTS & CULTURE



MINISTRY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,
SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND
POVERTY ALLEVIATION



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND IMMIGRATION



MINISTRY OF LABOR, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE,
ENERGY & PUBLIC UTILITIES



OAS
More rights for more people



Our Network

HPP Belize is a member of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement (Federation), which is an umbrella network of national organisations.

The Federation has a total of 31 members working in 45 countries around the world, including Africa, Asia, South and North America and Europe. All of the members demonstrate a commitment to implement social and development projects to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, in accordance with the Humana People to People Charter. Together, the members reach approximately 15.5 million people in over 1.150 smaller and bigger development projects.

The national organizations, affiliated as members, draw expertise from the Federation in areas of planning, governance and human resources, programme development, reporting, research and evaluation, capacity building and development of operational procedures.

The 31 members are all independent and not for profit national organisations, registered under the law of their own country.



Our Network

In Belize, one third of the population (126.000 people) lives below the poverty line.

In a nutshell, through built-in capacity and local action, HPP Belize's projects aim to:

- Mobilize children, youth and adults to be active in the economic, social and environmental spheres of their communities.
- Improve family health, education and economy.
- Reduce the vulnerability of small farmers and whole communities to the adverse impacts of climate change.



HPP Belize's Projects



The community development project builds the capacity of families and their communities to work towards the common goal of improving their children's lives.

Child Aid does what it says: 'aid' to the 'child' to grow, learn and live in safe and healthy conditions. All parents wish to create such conditions for their children, but many cannot manage on their own.

The program recognizes that, in order to nurture children successfully, the entire community must be strengthened. Families are brought together to address health and sanitation, income generation, education, district development, environmental

awareness, and participation for children.

The project has extensive outreach activities with the whole community with information and lessons including practical actions to improve conditions where needed. As a result of carrying out the activities together, the self-organizing strength of the people is built; with the active involvement of institutions like schools, clinics and government structures.

Child Aid has been implemented since 2007 with close to 1.000 families from 30 communities in the southern districts of Belize.

The project team works alongside people in their fight to reduce poverty by contributing to solutions and by building people's capacity to identify problems and to organize actions that create improvements and development.

Child Aid 10 Lines

The Project's key areas are organized into activities that are collectively called Child Aid 10 Lines and they are:

1. Strengthening the economy of the families
2. Health and hygiene - hereunder the fight against HIV/AIDS
3. Pre-schools
4. Children as active in the political, social, cultural and economic spheres of society
5. Children in difficult situations
6. Education
7. District development
8. Environment
9. Culture and communication
10. Farmers Clubs



Child Aid Project

Highlights from 2017

- 316 vegetable gardens created and operating
- 132 participants with income generating activities
- 33 families reached with pass-on-loan animal program
- 2,635 leaflets with HIV/Aids information distributed
- 449 people tested for HIV/Aids
- 400 girls reached with reproductive health information
- 500 families reached with child abuse and child care information
- 1,802 families receive Moringa and fruit trees
- 467 children participate in summer program
- 16 active youth clubs
- 568 youth trained about the dangers of drug and alcohol
- 493 youth reached with human rights and gender equality information
- 44 vulnerable children referred to social services
- 12 primary schools participate in Child Aid activities
- 319 people complete literacy program
- 28 active women groups
- 493 families trained in traffic and road safety
- 16 actions to improve school buildings and other structures in the communities
- 3,340 trees planted
- 8 Open Days (community events)
- 5 demonstration plots for sustainable agriculture practices operating



The Child Aid project is funded by members of the Humana People to People Movement, Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo and Planet Aid Inc. USA along with funding generated through HPP Belize's fundraising project and many smaller grants from embassies, NGOs, international organizations and local businesses.

The project provides employment to 6 people.



Highlights from 2017

- 40 girls participate actively in 4 girls' clubs
- 40 women participate actively in 4 mothers' clubs
- 1 Open Day (community event) to celebrate the launching of the project
- 30 lessons given, about nutrition and reproductive health per group
- 4 covered structures built with on-going production of vegetables
- 4 open gardens built (with fencing and raised beds to better secure sustainability)
- 4 clubs with egg production
- 7 cooking demonstrations implemented per community
- 400 trees grown in clubs' nurseries
- 4 presentations in schools done by the club members
- 40 interactions with health workers per group



The Girls' and Mothers' Club - Nutrition and Health project was launched in March 2017. The sub project targets four impoverished communities in Toledo district - Indian Creek, Jordan, Santa Teresa, and Aguacate.

The sub project works with 40 girls and 40 women over a period of 12 months.

The sub project is funded by The Australian High Commission in Port of Spain with co-funding from Humana People to People and the ultimate beneficiaries.

SUB PROJECT: Girls' and Mothers' Clubs



This project was designed in collaboration with leaders of the 11 communities, government entities such as NEMO, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Works along with HPP Belize.

The launch of the project took place on May 10th, 2017 in Bella Vista Village, Toledo.

The project will have a timeframe of 2 years and target 180 farmers and the general population of 11 communities, approx. 8.000 community members.

The project has 3 goals:

- 1) Improved Physical Infrastructure and Early Warning Systems for Reduced Risk to Natural Hazards
- 2) Improved the Agricultural Farming Systems Resilient to Climate Change Impacts using the Farmers' Club Model
- 3) Public Education and Awareness about Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Improved



Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Toledo, Southern Belize Project

Highlights from 2017

- 9 Farmers Clubs established with a total of 149 members
- 1 of the 9 Farmers Clubs is a female only club
- 9 demonstration plots, of approximately 1 acre each, identified and under cultivation
- 180 silos purchased and distributed to farmers and their families, along with post-harvest trainings
- Trainings on solid waste management carried out, in 11 communities
- Cleaning actions for picking up garbage in communities and along riverbanks carried out, in 11 communities
- 14 river keepers trained by the Hydrology Unit of Belize
- 14 river keepers equipped with boots, flashlights and other small equipment to help them monitor the rivers



The project is funded through the CDRR Fund (Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund) which is managed by Caribbean Development Bank with co-funding from Humana People to People and the ultimate beneficiaries.

The project provides employment to 6 people.



From 2017 to 2020, the SeeHR Project will work in 10 communities in the Stann Creek and Toledo districts: Cowpen, Bella Vista, San Isidro, Trio, Bladden, Medina Bank, Golden Stream, Indian Creek, Silver Creek and San Miguel.

Overall Objective

To improve the overall well-being of the population of Belize by enhancing knowledge and awareness of Human Rights and contributing to ensuring their protection.

Specific Objective

Promotion of Human Rights and gender equality through the mobilization and training of local authorities, community leaders and community members to empower women, youth and immigrants to improve knowledge on Human Rights and reduce sexual and gender-based violence, abuse and discrimination in Southern Belize.

The project will be launched and start its activities on 2018.

The project is funded by the European Union with co-funding from Humana People to People. It will be implemented in partnership with Belize Family Life Association (BFLA) and the Human Rights Commission of Belize.

The project provides employment to 2 people.



Strengthen, Empower, Enforce Human Rights Project (SeeHR Project)



The primary idea of the project is to earn surplus, through the sale of second-hand clothes and shoes, and use it to create development by supporting HPP Belize's community projects.

There are other important benefits derived from the trade of second hand-clothes in Belize:

- The “Humana Shops” provide customers with good quality clothes and shoes at affordable prices, offering categories for children and adults.
- The project creates opportunities for people to start an income generating

activity with second-hand clothes through the wholesale of bales.

- Through the shops, the project spreads awareness about global warming, climate change and recycling.
- With their purchases, the customers are given the opportunity to support the families, from the Child Aid Project, to overcome poverty.

The Second-Hand Clothes business contributes to the effort towards environmental protection of the world; by saving on water used to produce new clothes; reducing CO2 emissions and the accumulation of waste, as well as, by improving natural resource

efficiency through the circular economy model.

- 135 litres of water are used in the production of one T-shirt.
- 20% of industrial water pollution comes from textile dyeing and finishing treatment

The project provides employment to 18 people.

Highlights from 2017

- 65.4 tons of clothes sold
- 43.500 retails customers
- 33 wholesale customers
- 5 shops and 1 wholesale

Second-Hand Clothes and Shoes Project

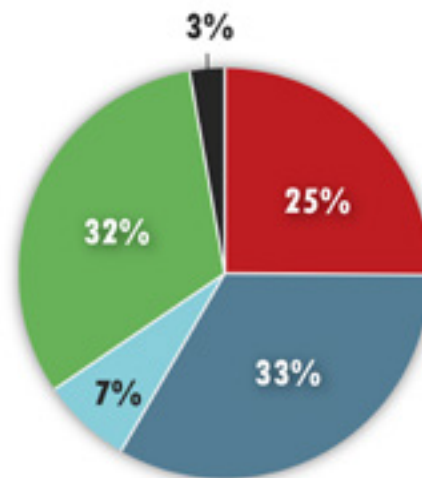


Administration and Auditing Standards

The financial administration of HPP Belize is based at the organization's office in the Toledo district.

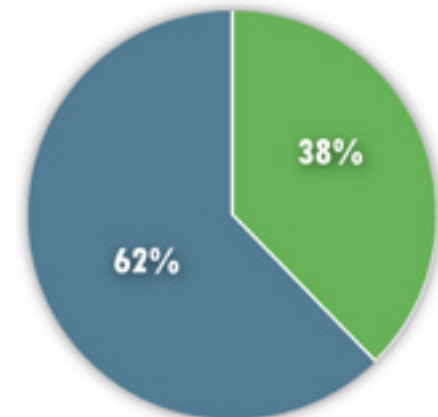
To ensure that the funds are spent only for the purposes intended, HPP Belize has policies, guidelines and internal controls in line with international standards. And, as required by the Companies Act., HPP Belize's accounts are audited yearly by an external auditor. For 2017, the company BDO Belize LLP executed the audit.

Income Sources in 2017



- Member Organizations from the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement
- Development banks
- Embassies and other international donors
- HPP Belize's fundraising project
- Local businesses

Distribution of Income in 2017



- Child Aid Project and Subprojects
- Building Adaptive Capacity and Resilience to Climate Change in Toledo, Southern Belize

Financing

