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GREETINGS FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

From Humana People to People Belize (HPPBZ), we are proud to say that our work impacts the Belizean population, especially in the southern districts of Belize, where the need also is greatest.

2020 was no exception, although some activities in the communities slowed down or came to a complete stop for a while due to the Coronavirus. Concerns about the SARS-CoV-2 began in mid-March and resulted in WHO announcing the COVID-19 outbreak. The pandemic led to movement and gathering restrictions which to some degree, are still in place as we present this annual progress report.

It is noteworthy to say that despite the COVID challenges our HPPBZ project teams were quick in revising plans and goals and innovative in finding methods to implement activities with the people in the communities – all with a high degree of precaution, resulting in most objectives for the year being met.

I want to highlight that the successes experienced by HPPBZ stems from a collective and shoulder-to-shoulder approach. HPPBZ's dedicated staff stands in solidarity with the vulnerable people, fighting alongside the community members for big and small improvements, striving to give the community members the experience that when we come together, we move forward, and united we can reach further.

I want to thank all our donors! Around the world, the needs for financial sponsors and partnerships are immense, and likewise the possibilities are many when it comes to selecting recipients of grants - we thank you sincerely for choosing HPPBZ and our projects - and we promise to continue to deliver. I also want to thank all our technical partners, friends, and colleagues who have contributed to our fight for development. Together, we achieved excellent results.

The effects of climate change and coronavirus has magnified social, economic and gender inequalities tremendously. Pressure is needed to be placed on big governments and big companies to take the responsibility for fighting global warming. Simultaneously, local action is needed, - the Government of Belize along with civil society, must find means and ways to build up the country in an equal and sustainable manner that includes all its people and leaves no one behind.

From HPPBZ we will do our outmost in supporting the people overcoming their struggles and we hope we can count on you!

Susanne Jensen





HPPBZ IN A NUTSHELL

Humana People to People Belize (HPPBZ) is a non-governmental organization established in 2007. Its mission is to empower and mobilize individuals, families, and communities to reduce poverty and vulnerability through local actions and capacity building.

The organization works shoulder-to-shoulder with vulnerable populations and traditionally marginalized groups of different ages and backgrounds in rural and hard-to-reach communities of Belize. The majority of our project participants are children, youth, women, and subsistence-farmer groups from Maya and Garinagu groups and Creole and migrant populations from Central America. HPPBZ seeks to create development in the broadest sense - through the establishment and implementation of projects that transfer knowledge, skills, and capacity - so that individuals and groups facing poverty and dehumanized conditions become the drivers of their development and take direct action on issues that affect them. Accordingly, the organization's approach is based on open dialogue, active participation, and collaborative work between individuals, groups, leaders, government bodies, and the private sector.

The organization's headquarters are located in the Toledo District, and its Partnerships Office is situated in the capital, Belmopan.

PRIORITIES

HPPBZ's projects align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national strategies and plans. Furthermore, they address one or more of the priorities defined in the organization's Strategic Plan.



Social & economic inclusion	Healthy lifestyles	Sustainable agriculture & environment	Disaster risk reduction & disaster management	Social entrepreneurship
Promotes the social and economic inclusion of vulnerable populations by raising awareness of human rights and financial literacy, supporting income-generating activities, and enhancing literacy levels and English-as-a-second language proficiency.	Advocates about health to the general public by increasing knowledge about infectious and noncommunicable diseases, addictive behaviors, malnutrition, reproductive health, and hygiene while advancing access to food security and sanitation.	Increases agricultural productivity and income of subsistence farmers and small-scale farmers by utilizing climate-smart and environmentally friendly practices and infrastructure.	Supports underserved communities to reduce risks and better respond to disasters by providing basic training, equipment, supplies, and infrastructure while increasing awareness and adaptation to climate change.	Helps increase the income of micro-entrepreneurs and raise funds for HPPBZ's community development actions by implementing social business projects and promoting sustainable production and consumption practices.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2020

PROJECT LIST

In 2020, HPPBZ worked on ten community development projects and two social business projects in collaboration with local and international partners and volunteers. During this period, HPPBZ served 45 communities.

#	Project Name	Social & economic inclusion	Healthy lifestyles	Sustainable agriculture & environment	Disaster risk reduction & disaster management	Social entrepreneurship
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS						
1	Child Aid	x	x	x	x	x
2	Clean and affordable energy for all, advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in southern Belize	x	x			
3	Girls' and Mothers' Clubs - Expansion and Enhancement (Phase 2)	x	x			
4	Increase farmers' capacity to reduce the effects of climate change on crops in Toledo District			x	x	
5	Promoting Accountability and Good Governance of Youth Development Programmes through CSO Engagement in Belize (PAGE Project)	x	x			
6	Promoting cleaner, healthier and more environmentally friendly method of cooking meals		x			
7	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Belize	x	x			
8	Strengthen Emergency and Disaster Response in vulnerable communities by building capacities and improving collaboration and service delivery in southern Belize			x	x	
9	Strengthen rural communities' response to disasters in Belize through capacity building and emergency equipment supply			x	x	
10	Strengthen, Empower, Enforce Human Rights (SeeHR)	x	x			
SOCIAL BUSINESS PROJECTS						
11	Full Circle Belize					x
12	Humana Shops: Second-Hand Clothes and Shoes					x



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

CHILD AID

Project's Purpose: Ensure that children develop to their fullest potential - in safe and protected environments - by addressing several community needs with the support of various stakeholders through training, technical assistance, and supplies

Participating communities (14): Aguacate, Bella Vista, Cowpen, Golden Stream, Indian Creek, Jordan, Red Bank, San Isidro, San Pablo, San Roman, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Santa Teresa, and Trio.

Timeframe: 2007 to present

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- Families increased nutrition through backyard gardening and by receiving and planting 4,125 native and fruit trees.
- 279 awareness-raising sessions about diabetes were carried out, and 112 persons were tested for diabetes. An HIV / AIDS consultation, information, and testing session was implemented. 128 individuals were mobilized to be tested and know their status.
- The project's staff led the implementation of 5 of the 10 remaining community development projects presented on the following pages.

CLEAN AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR ALL ADVANCING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN BELIZE

Project's Purpose: Improve the quality of life of 150 families by securing access to electricity and encouraging resident's participation in the development of their communities through training and the provision of Mobile Solar-Powered Supply Units

Participating communities (5): Cowpen, Bella Vista, San Isidro, Trio, and San Pablo

Timeframe: 2020 / 7 months

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 617 people in 150 households gained access to a small Mobile Solar-Powered Supply Unit that provides them with free light, radio access - daily and in times of disasters - and allows them to charge phones and tablets; while reducing fire accidents and smoke inhalation.
- Each household representative participated in a training session centered on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), using resources wisely, renewable energy, and the units' use.
- 101,908 people were reached on social media with messaging about the SDGs, solar power, and project updates.



GIRLS' AND MOTHERS' CLUBS

EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT (PHASE 2)

Project's Purpose: Improve the health and well-being of girls and mothers through training, technical assistance, supplies, and food security infrastructure

Participating communities (4): Bella Vista, San Roman, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa

Timeframe: 2018 to 2020 / 24 months



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Five women and five girls' clubs (75 girls, ages 10 to 17, and 70 adult females) participated in various health, food security, and community improvement actions.
- 10 female groups gained access to greenhouses, hen coops, and pig pens to improve food security and family income.
- 65,457 people were reached on social media with messages about nutrition, food security, project updates, and other topics.

INCREASE FARMERS' CAPACITY TO REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON CROPS IN TOLEDO DISTRICT

Project's Purpose: Implement improved agricultural methods centered on climate change adaptation through training, technical assistance, supplies, and food security infrastructure for subsistence farmers

Participating communities (7): Bella Vista, Trio, Indian Creek, Corazon, Blue Creek, Jordan, and Santa Teresa

Timeframe: 2019 to 2020 / 18 months

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 9 Farmers' Clubs were engaged and trained in climate-smart agricultural practices to help them be better prepared and adapt to the 'climate shocks' impacting their environment and, consequently, them.
- Each club constructed a security booth, storage house, and dry / compost latrines at their demonstration / group plots to improve operations.
- The Farmers' Club members were prepared and able to continue producing their crops at the demonstration plots during two unexpected events in 2020: the national shutdown from COVID-19 and Hurricane Nana.





PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES THROUGH CSO ENGAGEMENT IN BELIZE (PAGE PROJECT)

Project's Purpose: Contribute towards the effective participation of Civil Society Organizations as governance actors in youth development through training, technical assistance, and the provision of seed capital for youth groups

Participating communities (10): Bella Vista, Cowpen, Georgetown, Independence, Red Bank, San Juan, San Roman, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and Trio

Timeframe: 2019 to 2021 / 24 months

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- 200 people, between the ages of 12 & 35, created 12 Youth Associations that contribute to community livelihood and social development activities that directly respond to youth's needs in the targeted communities. 50% of the participants are females.

PROMOTING CLEANER, HEALTHIER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY METHOD OF COOKING MEALS

Project's Purpose: Prevent deforestation and improve family and community health through training, awareness-raising actions, and the construction of firewood-saving stoves

Participating communities (2): Golden Stream and Indian Creek

Timeframe: 2020 / 9 months



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- 105 people from 21 households learned to build and gained access to a firewood-saving stove. Now, they can save more time and money while reducing smoke intake. 21 women increased their knowledge about nutrition and the preparation of healthier meals.
- 348 households were reached with information about personal hygiene, COVID-19 prevention, and global warming and climate change, provided by the women groups.
- 87,281 people were reached on social media with messaging about health, the environment, and project updates.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BELIZE

Project's Purpose: Enhance the access to essential services, information, opportunities, and basic needs of refugees and asylum seekers

Participating communities (3): Bella Vista, San Isidro and Trio

Timeframe: 2019 to present

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- 31 refugees and asylum seekers developed their vocational skills, 24 attended entrepreneurship training, and 9 started their businesses with seed capital awarded by the project.
- Manos Amigas, a 'community-based protection network' was formed by volunteer refugees and asylum seekers. Their mission is to inform and encourage asylum seekers entering the country to register and start legalization procedures with the Government promptly.
- 18 participants received free psycho-social support to process the trauma and experiences lived in their migratory journeys.
- 63 refugees and asylum seekers improved their language skills with English-as-a-second-language classes.



STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY AND AND DISASTER RESPONSE IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES BY BUILDING CAPACITIES AND IMPROVING COLLABORATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN SOUTHERN BELIZE

Project's Purpose: Strengthen response to natural disasters by enhancing collaboration between the Government and participating communities through the upgrade of the Hurricane Plan to a Multi-Hazard Operation Plan and the provision of training and supplies to emergency responders and community members

Participating communities (30): Aguacate, Barranco, Bladen, Blue Creek, Corazon Creek, Cowpen / San Juan, Crique Sarco, Dangriga, Gales Point, Graham Creek, Hope Creek, Hopkins, Jordan, Mabil Ha, Machakil Ha, Monkey River, Mullins River, Placencia, Punta Gorda, Punta Negra, Red Bank, San Benito Poite, San Jose, San Lucas, Santa Anna, Santa Teresa, Sarawee, Seine Bight / Maya Beach, Sittee River, and Trio

Timeframe: 2018 to 2020 / 24 months



HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- A Multi-Hazard Operation Plan was developed and shared with NEMO to be adapted into NEMO's mandate to respond to Natural Disasters, and 30 communities were equipped with hurricane warning flags and other supplies to better respond to disasters.
- 237 people trained in Disaster Response were put to the test when Hurricane Nana made landfall in Belize in September 2020. The 30 participating communities indicated feeling well prepared and equipped to deal with the storm as it hit Belize. During the weather event, community leaders expeditiously mobilized and secured their citizens in the safest conditions possible.

STRENGTHEN RURAL COMMUNITIES' RESPONSE TO DISASTERS IN BELIZE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SUPPLY

Project's Purpose: Improve the response to environmental disasters through training and first aid supplies for emergency responders and community members

Participating communities (30): Aguacate, Barranco, Bladen, Blue Creek, Corazon Creek, Cowpen / San Juan, Crique Sarco, Dangriga, Gales Point, Graham Creek, Hope Creek, Hopkins, Jordan, Mabil Ha, Machakil Ha, Monkey River, Mullins River, Placencia, Punta Gorda, Punta Negra, Red Bank, San Benito Poite, San Jose, San Lucas, Santa Anna, Santa Teresa, Sarawee, Seine Bight / Maya Beach, Sittee River, and Trio

Timeframe: 2020 / 12 months

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Members from 30 Village Emergency Committees (VECs) were trained in Disaster Preparation, Home Safety, and First Aid Response.
- 30 communities received complimentary equipment and supplies for their village first-aid kits.





STRENGTHEN, EMPOWER, ENFORCE HUMAN RIGHTS (SEEHR PROJECT)

Project's Purpose: Enhance the knowledge and awareness of human rights while contributing to their protection through training and awareness-raising to community groups and residents

Participating communities: Bella Vista, Bladen, Cowpen, Golden Stream, Indian Creek, Medina Bank, San Isidro, San Miguel, Silver Creek, Trio

Timeframe: 2017 to 2021 / 36 months

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- Trainers of Trainers (ToTs) and other members of the project's support groups continued implementing training sessions in each community using the project's educational materials.
- 5,835 males, 6,826 females, and 1,414 children in targeted communities have a basic understanding of fundamental human rights, human rights services, and gender equality; after participating in various community outreach activities.

SOCIAL BUSINESS PROJECTS



FULL CIRCLE BELIZE

Project's Purpose: Increase ecosystem health and entrepreneurship development through training, awareness-raising, plastic recycling, and product manufacturing

Participating communities (Phase 1, 10): Placencia, Seine Bight, Maya Beach, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Roman, Georgetown, Cowpen / San Juan, Mango Creek / Independence, Bella Vista

Timeframe: 2020 to present

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- HPPBZ designed this not-for-profit project to train and hire youths, ages 18 to 35, to operate a social business that collects and transforms plastic waste into beautiful and customized marble-like products (such as furniture, tiles bowls, and flowerpots) while educating the general public about environmental responsibility.
- The project won the "Change Dah Story, social innovation challenge" and will receive training and seed capital to start operations in 2021.

HUMANA SHOPS

SECOND-HAND CLOTHES AND SHOES

Project's Purpose: Fundraise funds for HPPBZ's community development projects while increasing ecosystem health and entrepreneurship development through used clothing sales.

Communities served (7): Bella Vista, Belmopan, Dangriga, Mango Creek / Independence, Placencia, Punta Gorda, and Santa Cruz

Timeframe: 2008 to present

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2020

- 59 tons of second-hand clothes, shoes, clothing accessories, and household linens were sold in 7 retail shops and wholesale services. These sales provided the general public with quality clothing at affordable prices and helped divert used clothing from landfills and reduce pollution resulting from the production of new textiles.
- 15 tons of used clothing were donated to families facing difficult situations, including those affected by flooding and community groups, to boost sewing and other income-generation initiatives.
- 20 business owners strengthened their income-generating activities by purchasing bales and re-selling second-hand items at their stores.
- The project provided employment to 29 females.
- The project's surplus represented 7% of HPPBZ's annual budget. Due to its non-for-profit nature, all was reinvested in various community development actions.



SUPPORTERS

Local and international offices, organizations, and groups played a vital role in the implementation of HPPBZ's projects.



FUNDING PARTNERS

In 2020, eleven local and international funding partners supported the implementation of the reported community development projects.



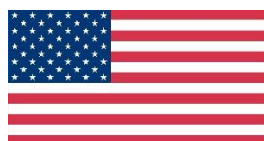
Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund



European Union



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
FOUNDATION



U.S. Embassy Belmopan



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GOVERNMENT BODIES

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COUNCILS

DAVCO
District Association
Village Councils



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FISHERIES, FORESTRY
AND THE ENVIRONMENT



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YOUTH, SPORTS & CULTURE



MINISTRY OF LABOR, LOCAL
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VOLUNTEERS

Every year, HPPBZ collaborates with residents who are highly driven and are passionate about community development.

Local volunteers participate in the creation of vegetable gardens, construction of latrines and animal pens, implementation of community assessments and evaluation surveys, provision of literacy, and ESL classes, among many other activities.



A group of four international volunteers from Richmond Vale Academy (RVA) also supported the Child Aid project implementation.

RVA is a registered non-profit research and training institution established in 2002 and located in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in the Caribbean.

It's Fighting with the Poor Program centers in mobilizing students to create positive change through humanitarian work. Every year, international volunteers immerse themselves in Belizean communities to put into practice the knowledge and skills acquired at the academy; by actively collaborating in HPPBZ's projects.



INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

AFFILIATIONS

HPPBZ is part of an international and a local network.



FEDERATION FOR ASSOCIATIONS OF THE HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE MOVEMENT (FEDERATION)



The network was formed in 1996 and is comprised of 29 independent national member associations.

The member's common agenda is to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others, unleashing their potential for positive change and action. The Federation supports the members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support, and helps promote the common agenda and gain influence through important relationships and partnerships.

The activities of the Humana People to People movement are aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Together with the people in the communities and numerous partners, the Federation continues to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.

HPPBZ is an active member of the Federation since 2007.

BELIZE NETWORK OF NGOS (BNN)

The Belize Network of NGOs (BNN) was formed in 2016 and seeks to be the unified voice of Non-Governmental-Organizations in Belize advocating good governance to achieve sustainable human development.

HPPBZ is an active member of BNN since 2016.



LEGAL STATUS

HPPBZ is registered as a:

- Non-Governmental-Organization in the Ministry of Human Development in Belize, with certificate number 84 / 07 and registration date July 19, 2007.
- Non-Financial Business & Profession in the Financial Intelligence Unit with registration number F0000-14259.

HPPBZ became registered in the Department of General Sales Tax (GST) in 2014 with the Tax Identification Number (TIN) 140427.

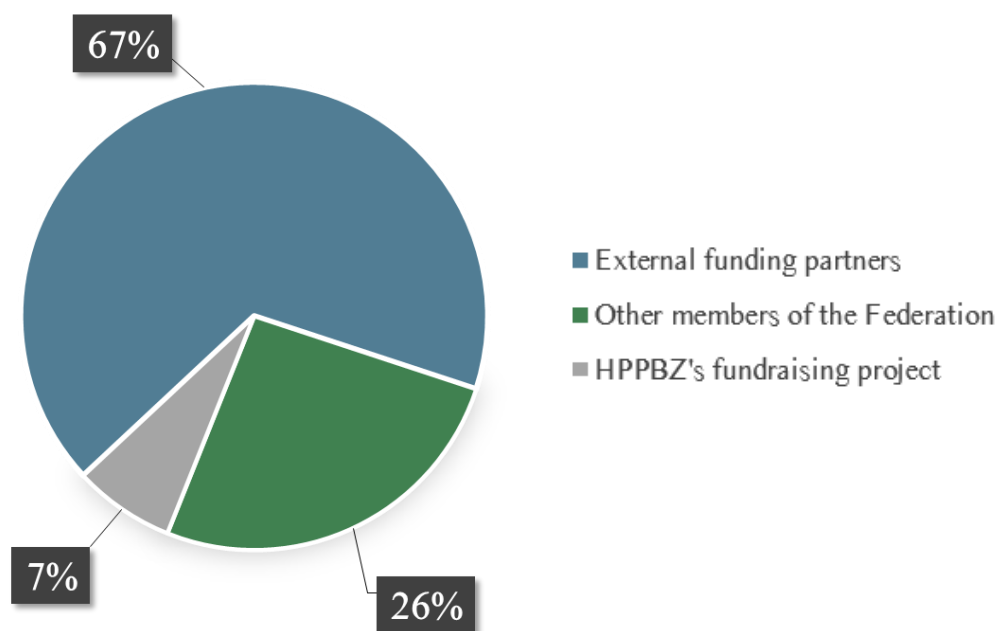
GOVERNING BODY

HPPBZ is governed by a three-member Board of Directors, which has the overall responsibility for managing the organization.

The board appointed and gave authority to the Country Director - Susanne Jensen - to lead and coordinate the NGO's day-to-day affairs.

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME SOURCES

In 2020, HPPBZ had three income sources, and its distribution was:





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