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PROGRESS REPORT

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GREETINGS FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear friends and colleagues, national and international partners, and community members,

I welcome you to enjoy the results of our united efforts presented in this annual progress report.

2021 was another year based on solidarity, humanism, and passion for development, from people to people—shoulder to shoulder.

COVID-19 and the necessary preventative restrictions put in place by the Government were a huge challenge for most people, both socially and economically. Fortunately, HPPBZ was able to continue its work in the rural areas of Toledo and South Stann Creek - in key areas such as social and economic inclusion, youth development, sustainable farming and climate change adaptation, entrepreneurship, and social businesses. Through our projects, we were able to make improvements to the lives of some of the most affected, vulnerable, and 'at risk' populations. The projects and some of the activities are highlighted in this annual report.

We are proud to say that the actions of our work, in partnership with key stakeholders including the youth population, resulted in vital agitating for a stronger voice and participation of youth in 'decision-making and leadership' within all government ministries – and we applaud the government for unanimously approving and adopting this approach at the cabinet-level.

We are also pleased to see that the importance of farmer's clubs and the production of food at the local level was highlighted by the National Emergency Management Organization district officer, who noticed that villages with farmers' clubs had sufficient food to sustain themselves while being cut off during flooding and the economic distress of high unemployment rates. This shows us that farmers' clubs have

an important role in preventing a disaster - by securing locally available food during times of natural hazards and a global pandemic.

In 2021, HPPBZ participated in a voluntary assessment of our organization within the areas of good governance, accountability, and best practices. The certification was provided by SGS, a testing, inspection, and certification company. HPPBZ successfully received its certification. With that, we extend a huge congratulations to HPPBZ and the team involved in the process.

Near the conclusion of 2021, HPPBZ began implementing new projects in the area of social and economic inclusion. In early 2022, we started on projects concerning renewable energy, plastic collection and plastic re-purposing, and WASH. In a nutshell, the need is there; HPPBZ is responding to the need by growing with more partnerships, more projects, and more employees.

A key concern that will be placed within all our projects is the need for spearheading global ethics - our common responsibility for the preservation and wellbeing of the Earth and all living beings.

In order to preserve nature and humankind, unity must be promoted at all levels; humanity must restrain from engaging in acts that abuse, exploit, or in other ways damage any living thing!

More than ever, every human must be a responsible steward of tomorrow, remain humble and work in partnership with each other and nature.

Sincerely,



Susanne Jensen





HPPBZ IN A NUTSHELL

Humana People to People Belize (HPPBZ) is a non-governmental organization established in 2007. Its mandate 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. Additionally, they address one or more of the priorities defined in the organization's Strategic Plan.



Social & economic inclusion	Promotes the social and economic inclusion of vulnerable populations by raising awareness of human rights, supporting income-generating activities, and enhancing literacy levels and English-as-a-second language proficiency.
Healthy lifestyles	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.
Sustainable agriculture & environment	Increases agricultural productivity and income of subsistence farmers and small-scale farmers by utilizing climate-smart and environmentally friendly practices and infrastructure.
Disaster risk reduction & disaster	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.
Social entrepreneurship	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 2021

PROJECT LIST

In 2021, HPPBZ worked on 9 community development projects and two social business projects in collaboration with local and international partners and volunteers.

#	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, affordable energy for all advancing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development in Southern Belize		x			
3	Empowering communities through social and economic inclusion in Southern Belize	x				
4	Energy-saving stoves and community outreach for the reduction of deforestation rates and the improvement of villagers' health		x	x		
5	Migrant hub Bella Vista	x				
6	Promoting accountability and good governance of youth development programmes through CSO engagement in Belize (PAGE Project)	x	x			
7	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Belize	x	x			
8	Strengthen, empower, enforce human rights (SeeHR Project)	x	x			
9	Strengthening government engagement and educational development service delivery (SEEDS Project)	x				
SOCIAL BUSINESS / INCOME-GENERATING 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 (8): Corazon, Santa Teresa, Jordan, Blue Creek, Indian Creek, Bladen, Trio, and Bella Vista

Timeframe: 2007 to present

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- 8 Farmers Clubs, with a total of 57 participating families, created income to operate their group/demonstration plots and improve their family economy and nutritional intake.
- The farmers received theoretical and practical training in topics to improve production at the demonstration plots, private farms, and home gardens. Training included soil preparation, organic fertilizer production using chicken and pig manure, organic pest management training, and pig rearing.
- Some clubs started raising layers and broilers to meet the villages' demand for eggs and poultry meat.

CLEAN AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY

ADVANCING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN BELIZE

Project's Purpose: Improve the quality of life of vulnerable 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 (3): Aguacate, Santa Theresa, and Jordan

Timeframe: 2021 / 8 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- 110 households gained access to a small Mobile Solar-Powered Supply Unit that provides them with free light and radio access - daily and in times of disasters - and allows them to charge phones and tablets. Solar units reduce fire accidents from candles, lamps, or improvised electrical connections and smoke inhalation from kerosene lamps.
- Each household representative participated in a training session centered on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), using resources wisely, renewable energy, and the units' use.
- The participating families implemented community actions to protect their surrounding ecosystems by placing signs with educational messages and planting fruit trees.
- More than 70,000 people were reached on social media with messaging about the SDGs, solar power, and project updates.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION IN SOUTHERN BELIZE

Project's Purpose: To support collective initiatives that improve living conditions, ensure food security, and generate income, emphasizing on women and youth

Participating communities (10): Hopkins, Georgetown, Santa Rosa, San Roman, San Isidro, Trio, Golden Stream, Indian Creek, Big Falls, and Blue Creek

Timeframe: 2021 to 2024 / 30 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- Project presentation meetings were implemented in each community to discuss project activities and collaboration with key stakeholders, including village and alcalde council representatives, school and health authorities, and community groups.
- A participatory assessment was initiated to identify community groups, business opportunities, and training needs.



ENERGY-SAVING STOVES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOR THE REDUCTION OF DEFORESTATION RATES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGERS' HEALTH

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): Bella Vista and Trio

Timeframe: 2021 / 9 months



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- 51 families learned to build and gained access to a firewood-saving stove to save time and money from collecting or purchasing firewood while reducing smoke intake. Two public schools acquired a cooking area with two energy-saving stoves and cooking sets to strengthen their feeding program.
- Through cooking sessions and lessons, women from participating families increased their knowledge about nutrition and the preparation of healthier meals to improve the health of each family.
- 70,591 people were reached on social media with messaging about health, the environment, and project updates.

MIGRANT HUB

BELLA VISTA

Project's Purpose: Assist migrants and Belizean returnees with accurate and appropriate information on migration procedures, offers support on migration services, and refer them to relevant government offices and IOM's voluntary repatriation program

Participating communities (1): Bella Vista

Timeframe: 2021 to 2022 / 20 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- The Bella Vista Migrant Hub received more than 600 consultations from migrants needing to process passports, medical check-ups, police records, and affidavits to get a Belizean work permit, permanent residency, or nationality.
- The hub hosted a mobile consulate from the Embassy of Honduras to facilitate identification and passport procedures for Honduran citizens living in southern Belize.
- 33 teachers from public schools in the area participated in awareness-raising sessions on how to prevent Human Trafficking and the importance of safe, proper, and orderly migration.





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 OF 2021

- With the support of the project, over 30 youth-serving public and private organizations developed a multi-sectoral annual work plan and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue cooperating and coordinating the youth development landscape in Stann Creek and Toledo Districts.
- The 10 groups mentored by the project, designed and led community actions to address local needs and strengthen leadership skills. Measures included mentorship for children, sporting and capacity-building sessions, and increased access to nutritious foods.



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 OF 2021

- To enhance COVID-19 response, the project constructed a waiting and testing area at the Bella Vista Poly Clinic. 12 Community Health Workers increased their capacity to deliver services by receiving COVID-related training and a bicycle.
- Project staff and volunteers supported the implementation of 6 mobile clinics where 5,000 people received legal advice, basic health services, immigration guidance, birth registration, and pantry assistance.
- 120 refugees and asylum seekers improved their language skills with English-as-a-second-language classes.
- 30 refugees and asylum seekers developed their vocational and entrepreneurship skills, and 12 families started their businesses with seed capital awarded by the project.
- 20 volunteers, ages 14 to 44 years, received various training sessions in first aid, leadership, sociology, sustainable development goals, nutrition, universal human rights, and sexual reproduction health to prepare them to take on leadership and advocacy roles.

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 OF 2021

- The trainer-of-trainers groups created in each community finalized the project's training program. Lessons centered on developing their ability to identify local vulnerabilities and address violations regarding human rights and gender equality.
- Project results were consolidated in a video available on HPPBZ's website, Facebook Page, and YouTube channel.



STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DELIVERY (SEEDS PROJECT)

Project's Purpose: Improve the accessibility and availability of services information and opportunities for vulnerable populations by increasing collaboration between district-level service providers

Participating communities (7): Dangriga, Silk Grass, Independence, Bella Vista, Big Falls, San Pedro Columbia, and Punta Gorda

Timeframe: 2021 to 2023 / 24 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- Stakeholder expectation meetings and sensitization sessions were conducted with key stakeholders to discuss how they would support the implementation of the project. Stakeholders included local authorities, leaders of youth organizations, and staff representatives from government ministries and non-governmental organizations.
- 699 individuals were surveyed about the status and expectations of service delivery and connectivity in their communities.



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 (10): Belmopan, Armenia, Camalote, Cotton Tree, Ontario, Roaring Creek, Teakettle, Unitedville, Santa Cruz, and Bella Vista

Timeframe: 2021 to present

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- A plastic collection point was established in Santa Cruz village to allow residents in the Placencia Peninsula and Toledo to drop off their plastics during their commutes. Direction signs were placed around the community to facilitate access.
- A shredder and extrusion machines were purchased to start the plastic transformation process. Delivery of the machines and the commencement of production are expected for mid-2022.





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 (5): Bella Vista, Dangriga, Mango Creek / Independence, Placencia, and Santa Cruz

Timeframe: 2008 to present

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- 57 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 reduced pollution resulting from the production of new textiles.
- 14 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.
- 10 business owners strengthened their income-generating activities by purchasing bales and re-selling second-hand items at their stores.
- The project employed 29 females.
- The project's surplus represented 14% of HPPBZ's annual budget and funded various community development actions.

SUPPORTERS

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

FUNDING PARTNERS

In 2021, the following local and international funding partners supported the implementation of the reported community development projects.



European Union



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Embassy of Switzerland to Mexico and Belize



Embassy
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Guatemala City



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cooperation

DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT



HUMANA
Fundación Pueblo para Pueblo



INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION
EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES, SUSTAINABLE RESULTS

PADI FOUNDATION



THE PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENT
HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE BALTIC



GOVERNMENT BODIES

ALCALDE
COUNCILS

DAVCO
District Association
Village Councils



Town
Councils

PRIVATE SECTOR



Protecting Through Education



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VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

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

In 2021, 20 local volunteers guided refugee-seekers to access essential services and information, participated in creating vegetable gardens, helped implement community assessments and evaluation surveys, provided literacy and ESL classes, and many other activities.

Following the decentralization of the Department of Youth Services Apprenticeship Program, 5 youths affiliated with the PAGE Project accessed the program. They were able to intern as an apprentice at various organizations and businesses.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

AFFILIATIONS

HPPBZ is part of two international networks and one local network.

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



Since 2007, we have been members of the Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement. It comprises 29 independent national member associations.

The network'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 its 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 to promote our 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 our numerous partners, we continue to stand by countries as they strive to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, creating lasting positive change in the process.

REGIONAL DIALOGUE MECHANISM OF THE REGIONAL INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS (MIRPS)

MIRPS seeks to improve refugee self-sufficiency, alleviate pressures on host countries, support existing conditions in countries of origin and expand access to solutions involving third countries. The network operates in Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama.



Mecanismo de Diálogo
Regional entre Organizaciones
de la Sociedad Civil del **MIRPS**

HPPBZ has been an active
member of MIRPS since 2021.

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 has been an active
member of BNN since 2016.



CERTIFICATIONS

In 2021 Humana People to People Belize went through a thorough NGO Benchmarking certification process on best practices and accountability of the organization.

We are proud to say that we passed and now hold SGS certificate no. 213/NGO/19.12.2021. The governance system is about completeness, implementation, and consistency. In other words, HPPBZ is certified to have good policies and to implement the policies consistently. The certification process made it clear to our team where we, as an organization, have our strengths and where there still is room for improvements.

HPPBZ demonstrated compliance with Best Practices requirements related to the following 12 dimensions:

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| 1. Governance Framework | 8. Financial Controls |
| 2. Governing Body | 9. Operations and Service Provision (Planning) |
| 3. Strategic Framework | 10. Operations and Service Provision (Implementation) |
| 4. Integrity Management | 11. Outcomes' Measurement and Evaluation |
| 5. Communication Advocacy and Public Image | 12. Continuous Improvement |
| 6. Human Resources | |
| 7. Resources Generation and Allocation | |

The certification was done by SGS – the world's leading testing, inspection, and certification company. SGS is recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity.



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.

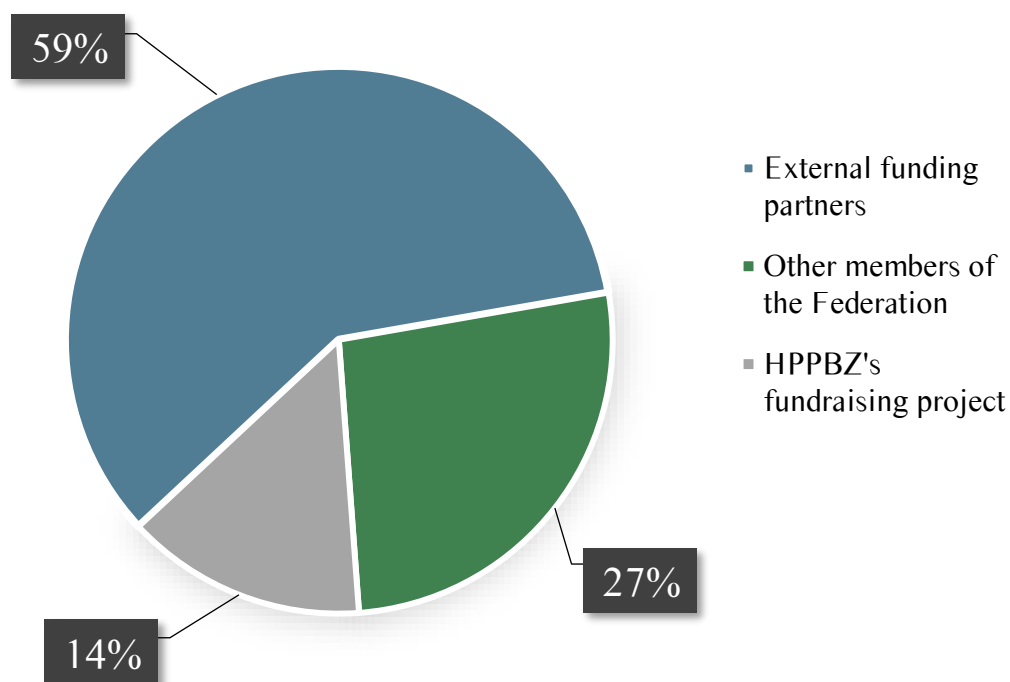
GOVERNING BODY

HPPBZ is governed by a three-member Board of Directors, which is responsible 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. The organization has 20 active members.

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME SOURCES

In 2021, HPPBZ had an annual budget of US\$630,288 from three income sources.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Updates about the organization can be found on our website (www.humana-belize.org) and Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube profiles.



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