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PROGRESS REPORT

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GREETINGS FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that we present to you Humana People to People Belize's Progress Report for 2022. This year marks a significant milestone for us as we celebrate 15 years of working alongside communities in southern Belize toward a better future.

We have over the years been privileged to work with community members from more than 50 communities in areas such as health and hygiene, improved livelihood, sustainable agriculture, disaster risk reduction, social inclusion and integration, planet protection, and more. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our donors, local partners and stakeholders, members of the Humana People to People Federation, and our committed staff for their unwavering support and dedication to our cause throughout the years.

During the first part of 2022, the country lifted all Covid-19 prevention restrictions making it possible for our project staff to fully return to community work as we originally wanted to implement it.

One of the major activities we supported in 2022 was the government's Amnesty Program, through which immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees were given a chance to legalize themselves or improve their legal status in Belize. We played an important role in spreading awareness and providing vital information and support to vulnerable individuals to help them navigate the process.

We are proud to have expanded our outreach and added new projects that reflect our commitment to sustainability and environmental protection. One of our newest projects is a solar initiative that, through mobile solar units, provides electricity to households in remote villages in the south of Belize. We believe that renewable energy is the way forward, and we are excited to spearhead this effort in the region. Additionally, we have been able to expand our plastic pollution awareness and recycling initiative, which aims to reduce the impact of plastic waste on our planet. This project has been met with enthusiasm from

community members, and we are pleased to see the positive impact it is having. These projects are part of our commitment to sustainability and environmental protection.

Our focus on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) has resulted in community members being trained in WASH practices and small-scale infrastructure improvements being made to support better hygiene. While the participating community members learned a lot and appreciated the initiative, our work has also highlighted the immense need for continued WASH training and infrastructure improvements in these communities.

To further support the Stann Creek and Toledo districts, we established Community Hubs, which provide vital services and support based on the specific needs of its residents. Southern Belize remains the most underserved area in Belize, with the highest rural poverty rates and we believe that these hubs are essential both for giving access to services that already exist in other parts of the country and for creating strong and self-reliant communities.

We invite you to explore our Progress Report and learn more about the highlights of our activities in 2022. We are excited to share the progress we have made, and we hope that our work inspires others to join us in creating sustainable change.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission of empowering communities to create sustainable change, and we will continue to work shoulder-to-shoulder with community members to address the ongoing challenges they face. Together, we can create a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

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. Most 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 in the Toledo District, and its Partnerships Office is situated in the capital, Belmopan.



PRIORITIES

HPPBZ's programs and 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 behaviours, 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 management	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 2022

Project List

In 2022, HPPBZ worked on seven 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
CHILD AID AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS						
1	Building resilience through local actions, capacity-building, and community engagement (BRACE Project)	x	x			
2	Empowering communities through social and economic inclusion in Southern Belize	x				
4	Migrant Center Bella Vista	x				
5	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Belize	x	x			
6	Strengthening government engagement and educational development service delivery (SEEDS Project)	x				
7	Strengthening rural community organization and livelihood to advance resilience in Southern Belize (SOLAR Project)				x	
SOCIAL BUSINESS / INCOME-GENERATING PROJECTS						
8	Full Circle Belize					x
9	Humana Shops: Second-Hand Clothes and Shoes					x



CHILD AID AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

BUILDING RESILIENCE

THROUGH LOCAL ACTIONS, CAPACITY-BUILDING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (BRACE PROJECT)

Project's purpose: To build individual's capacity to adopt and support improved health and sanitation practices through enhanced knowledge, skills, and inputs

Participating communities (8): Santa Rosa, San Roman, Georgetown, Red Bank, San Juan, Cowpen, Trio, and San Isidro villages

Timeframe: 2021 to 2022 / 11 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

- 120 project participants increased their knowledge about health and sanitation via education sessions and the creation of a Community-Support Group in each village.
- Residents gained access to small-scale infrastructure to improve hygiene behaviours and have effective management of water and sanitation. The project installed 3 water filters, upgraded 17 latrines, and built 27 handwashing facilities, 42 firewood stoves, and 31 water catchment systems.



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 2022

- 20 community groups consisting of a total of 206 participants were supported. The members took part in awareness campaigns focusing on health, environment, and natural disaster risk reduction while preparing a business proposal to access funding in 2023.
- 28 Peer Trainers were trained in First Aid and provided with a small first aid kit.



MIGRANT CENTER IN BELLA VISTA VILLAGE

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 2022

- The project actively promoted and provided guidance about the Amnesty Program being expedited by the government of Belize.
- The Bella Vista Migrant Center attended 1,924 consultations from migrants needing to process passports, medical check-ups, police records, and affidavits to get a Belizean work permit, permanent residency, or nationality.
- Over 100,000 people saw live sessions centered on the registration procedure and benefits of the social security board, digital resources for migrants, requirements for the amnesty program, vulnerability of human trafficking, and rights of employees.



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 2022

- Over 100 refugees and asylum seekers were supported with psycho-social support, ESL lessons, various capacity building, and skills training.
- 27 refugees and asylum seekers and 3 other beneficiaries started their businesses with seed capital awarded by the project. Businesses included food sales and preparation, automotive bodywork, landscaping and cleaning, sewing and clothes sales, shop, 1 online clothing shop, 2 dairy product distributors, among others.
- 20 volunteers from the Community-Based Protection Network (CBPN), ages 14 to 44 years, received training about sexual reproductive health, the Sustainable Development Goals, sociology, first aid, and leadership and shared their knowledge with residents from Bella Vista, San Isidro, and Trio. The volunteers also supported beneficiaries during 11 mobile clinics.
- 10 youths received scholarships to participate at the Stann Creek Institute of Technical Vocational Education and Training to enhance their labour insertion and livelihood initiatives.



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 2022

- The project offered community members an array of training sessions provided by different government departments and the private sector. Topics included Climate Justice, Indigenous Livelihoods, Youth Think Tank, Leadership and Communication, Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurial Ventures, On the Job Training, and Conflict Management. 2,395 people accessed services through the hubs.
- Three of the four community hubs created by the project were retrofitted with computers, educational materials, and other equipment to support service delivery. The hubs operate in Dangriga Town, Independence Village, and Punta Gorda Village.



STRENGTHENING RURAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND LIVELIHOOD TO ADVANCE RESILIENCE IN SOUTHERN BELIZE (SOLAR PROJECT)

Project's Purpose: To improve economic and social development by increasing the access to and use of renewable energy in the Toledo District, Belize

Participating communities (3): Mabilha, San Lucas, and Otoxha

Timeframe: 2022 to 2023 / 22 months

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022

- 157 small-scale solar units were distributed to all households in the participating villages. The units allow users to light their houses, charge their devices, and listen to the radio.
- A group was established in each community and supported with the development of bylaws, and the start of the legal registration process. Group members participated in business management training and developed business plans to start income-generating initiatives powered by solar panels.
- 75 households were visited to spread awareness about Gender Equality, Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Sustainable Development Goals.





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 2022

- 745 students from 7 schools were sensitized about the harms of pollution, plastic use alternatives, and the project's plastic transformation process.
- 17 more plastic collection points were established across the participating communities.
- 544 kilograms of plastic waste were collected; reducing the release of toxic fumes from burnt plastics and the plastic pollution in our food chains, water, and soil.



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 2022

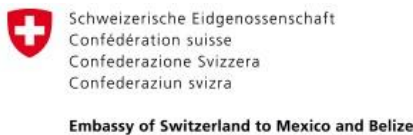
- 43.6 tons of second-hand clothes, shoes, clothing accessories, and household linens were sold in 5 retail shops and wholesale services. These sales provided the general public with quality clothing at affordable prices and helped divert used clothing from landfills, and reduced pollution resulting from the production of new textiles.
- 10.1 tons of used clothing were donated to families facing difficult situations, including those affected by flooding and community groups doing sewing and other income-generation initiatives.
- 28 business owners strengthened their income-generating activities by purchasing bales and re-selling second-hand items at their stores.
- The project's surplus represented 7% of HPPBZ's annual budget and funded various community development actions.
- The project employed 17 females.

SUPPORTERS

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

FUNDING PARTNERS

In 2022, the following local and international funding partners supported the implementation of the reported community development projects.



GOVERNMENT BODIES

ALCALDE
COUNCILS



DAVCO
District Association
Village Councils



Town
Councils



PRIVATE SECTOR



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.

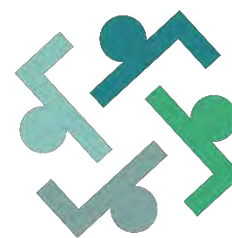
The Federation supports its members in delivering critical on-the-ground programmes across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. This support includes programme development, project management and operations, financial management support, and helps to promote our common agenda and gain 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



Humana People to People Belize has had an NGO Benchmarking certification since 2021.

SGS certificate no: 213/NGO/19.12.2021

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. In this process, HPPBZ has demonstrated compliance with Best Practices requirements related to the following 12 dimensions:

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

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 of 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

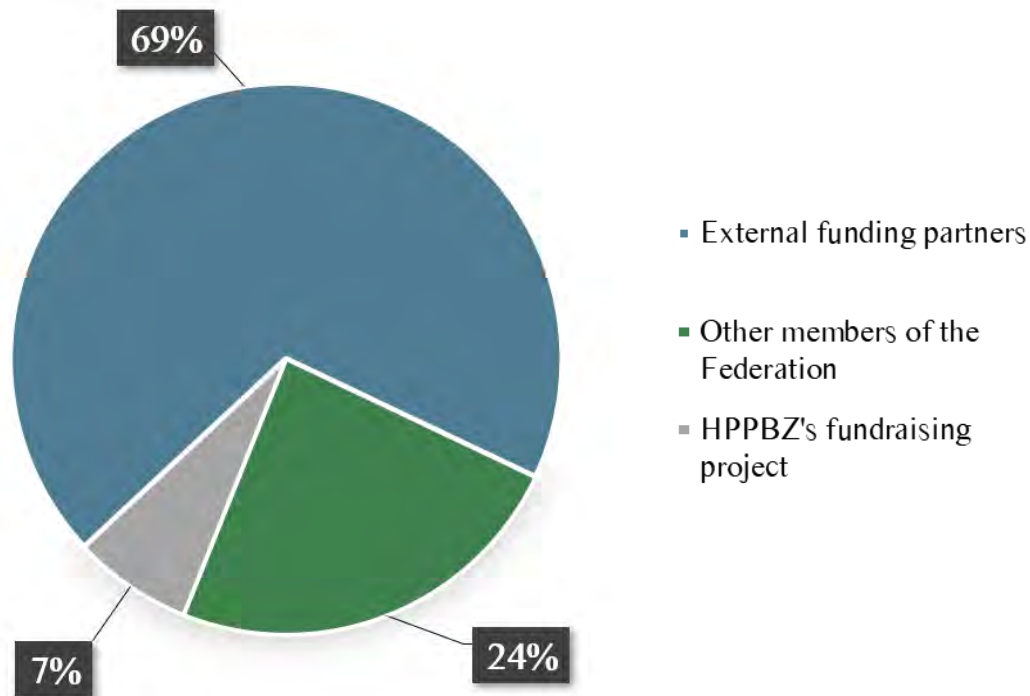
HPPBZ is governed by a three-member Board of Directors, which is responsible for managing the organization.

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.

** Information concerning members, board of directors, and audited financial statements can be provided upon request.*

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME SOURCES

In 2022, HPPBZ had an annual budget of US\$ 861,156 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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