

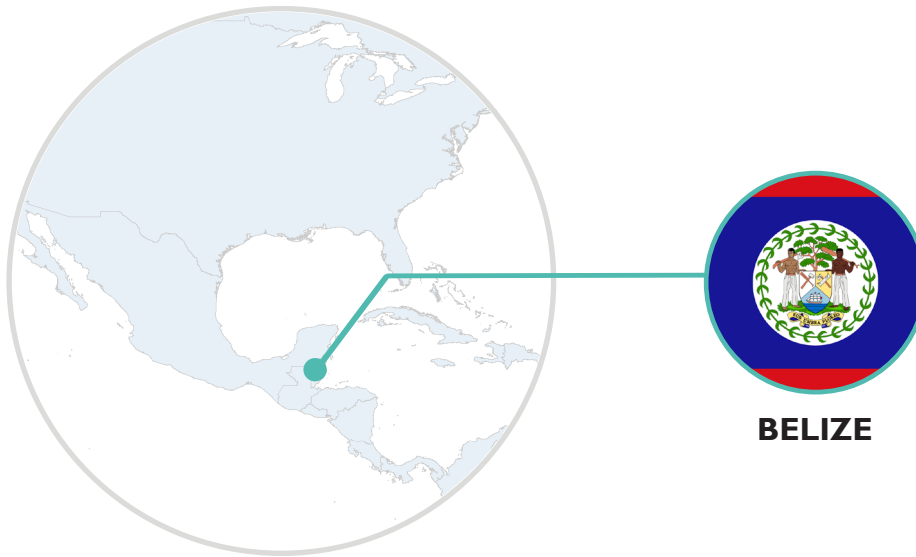
ACTIONS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSON COUNCIL

BELIZE
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2020

CONTEXT

In Belize, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Council operates from a multi-sectoral approach. It is comprised of representatives from Governmental Ministries and Departments, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

LOCATION



VICTIM IDENTIFICATION



2 persons
Total identified victims

An identified victim of human trafficking is defined as a person who has been officially identified by the relevant government institution and is guaranteed a series of rights and protections. The number reported indicates confirmed victims that entered care in 2020.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



2 (100%)
Girls under 18 years of age

NATIONALITIES



2 (100%)
Belize

FORMS OF EXPLOITATION

All cases involved sexual exploitation according to the Trafficking in Persons Prohibition Act (2013), these are cases that were determined to be cases of trafficking in persons.



Means the obtaining of economic or other benefits through the involvement of another person in forced prostitution, sexual servitude, or other sexual services, including forced pregnancy, acts of pornography and the production of pornographic materials.

ASSISTED VICTIMS



Under the Council and in close coordination with the relevant institutions, all detected victims have the right to receive assistance in Belize. It is important to note that the assisted victims include persons from previous years that were still in care of the Department of Human Services.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



MEANS OF ASSISTANCE

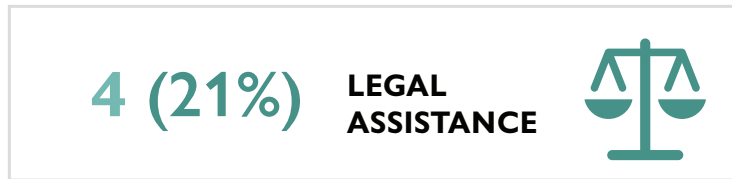
During 2020, a total of 19 victims were assisted. The following were the main services provided to victims as needed.



This included surgery for one victim.



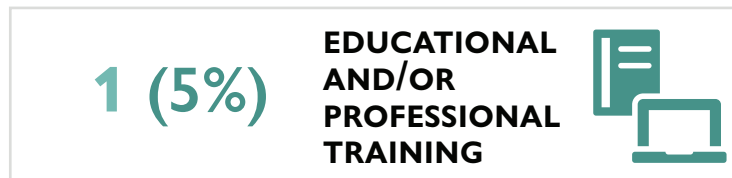
This includes psychological counseling.



This includes assistance with passport procedures as well as with special permits renewal.



All the assisted victims were returned home.



The services refer to life skills training.



This service refers to financial assistance for victims.



All the victims were granted with accommodation either in shelters or through independent living.

PROSECUTION AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The Office of Public Prosecutions and the Police Department are part of the Council. Suspected cases of trafficking in persons are reported to the Anti Trafficking in Persons Police Unit.



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Report of suspected cases of trafficking in persons made to Anti Trafficking in Persons Police Unit.



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Files referred to Director of Public Prosecutions office



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Open judicial proceedings



1 Conviction for 1 person convicted

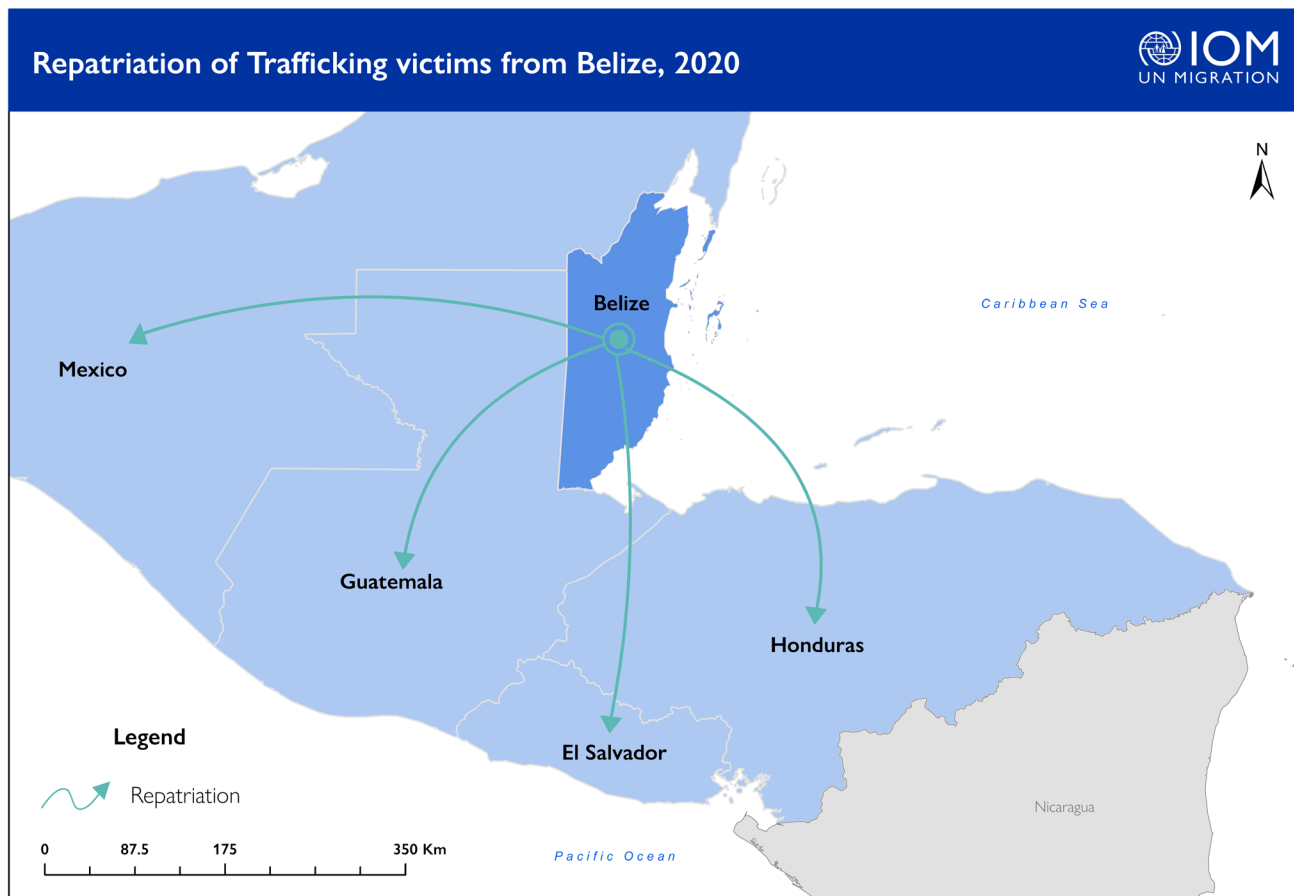
CONVICTIONS OCCURRED
IN THE FOLLOWING CRIMES

LABOUR EXPLOITATION.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

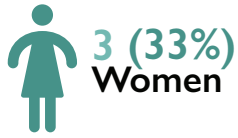
REPATRIATION

For 2020, 9 foreign victims identified in Belize were repatriated. The victims were repatriated to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.



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DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



MEANS OF REPATRIATION



PREVENTION¹

The Council, as part of its functions, formulates and coordinates measures to educate the public on preventative and protective measures for victims or potential victims of trafficking.



512 (100%)

**Direct
prevention**

Direct prevention activities include training with police officers, social workers, and personnel of the tourism industry.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

For the World Day Against Human Trafficking 2020, a Blue Heart Campaign was carried out in social media, in which participants posted a picture of themselves with a blue heart drawn anywhere on their arms. At the end, the winner got \$100 BZE Dollars.

¹ There are no data regarding indirect prevention activities.



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