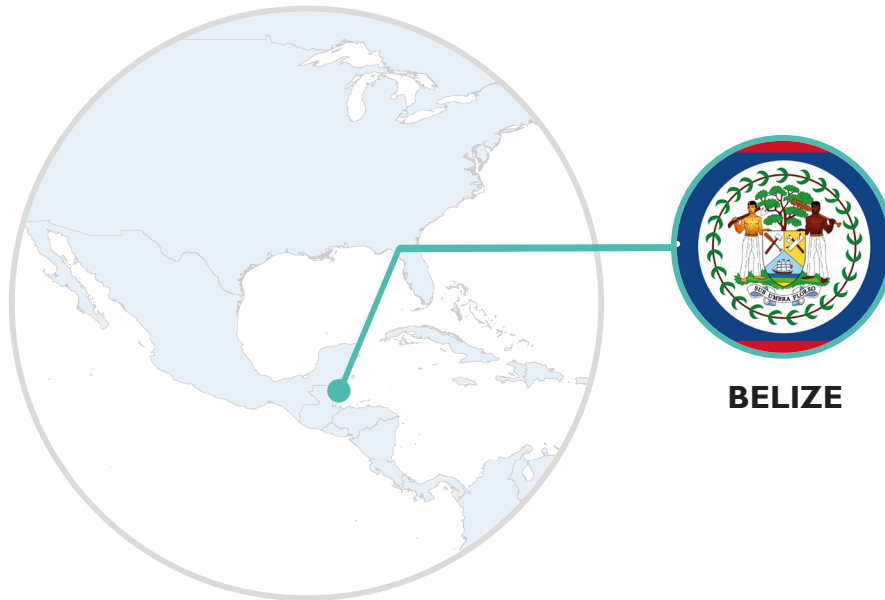


## SITUATIONAL CONTEXT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN BELIZE

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



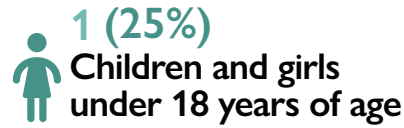
### VICTIM IDENTIFICATION



**4 people  
Identified  
victims**

A victim of human trafficking is a person who has been officially identified by the relevant government official(s) and is guaranteed a series of rights and protections.

PROFILE



NATIONALITIES



3 (75%)  
Honduras



1 (25%)  
Guatemala

PURPOSE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

All cases detected during 2019 involved both labor and sexual exploitation according to the Trafficking in Persons Prohibition Act.

4 (100%)

**SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION**



4 (100%)

**LABOR  
EXPLOITATION**



Obtaining economic or other benefits by exploiting another person into forced prostitution, sexual servitude, or other sexual services, including forced pregnancy, acts of pornography, and the production of pornographic materials.

An individual being exploited for work or services against their will, under the threat of a penalty/dismissal, withholding of payment, or payment of wages below the legal minimum wage.

## ASSISTED VICTIMS



**19 people**  
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.

## PROFILE



**8 (42%)**  
Woman



**6 (32%)**  
Men



**5 (26%)**  
Girls and  
teenagers

## MEANS OF ASSISTANCE

During 2019, a total of 19 victims were assisted. The following were the main services provided to victims as needed. Among the offered assistance provided for the victims are the following services:

**19 (100%)**

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**



This includes all statement of Health, plus 2 additional medical.

**9 (47%)**

**PSYCHOSOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE**



This includes referrals to psychological counseling; however, all referred victims left before the counseling process could begin.

**19 (100%)**

**LEGAL ADVICE**



This includes access to police.

**4 (21%)**

**FAMILY REINTEGRATION**



All the assisted victims were returned home.

**19 (100%)**

**ACCOMMODATION**



All the victims were granted with accommodation.

**4 (21%)**

**MAINTENANCE**



This service refers to living stipends.

1 (5%)

**EDUCATIONAL  
AND/OR  
PROFESSIONAL  
TRAINING**



The services refers to life skills training.

## PROVISION OF JUSTICE

The Office of Public Prosecutions and the Police Department are part of the Council. On the other hand, the Supreme Court has the function of process the accusations for Trafficking in Persons. The numbers reflected below are referring to files submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions Office from the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Police Unit.



6  
accusations



2 of 6  
accusations were  
for sexual exploitation



8  
open processes



4 of 6  
accusations were  
for labor and sexual  
exploitation

## REPATRIATION

For 2019, 4 foreign victims identified in Belize were repatriated. The victims were repatriated to Guatemala and Honduras.

### PROFILE



### MEANS OF REPATRIATION



Basemap source: ESRI and UN World Map  
This map is for illustration purposes only. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration.

## PREVENTION

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.



**769 (100%)**

**Direct  
prevention**

Prevention activities include:

- Activities in schools
- Trainings with health workers

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

In 2019, the Belize Police Department and the Human Trafficking Institute entered into the second year of their agreement to partner in building the capacity of ATIP Police Unit. The agreement provides for office space for members of the specialized unit, as well as staff of the Institute, who will provide on-going technical investigative assistance in trafficking in persons (TIP) cases. The space will also serve as a secure and private location for interviewing TIP victims and witnesses, collecting evidence, and planning operations.

Also, the Council Participated in RET's "Call to Action" tour in Benque Viejo. The goal: strengthen government-civil society partnership capacity to sustain transparent local and community-based responses to GBV and TIP and other forms of violence and corruption.



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