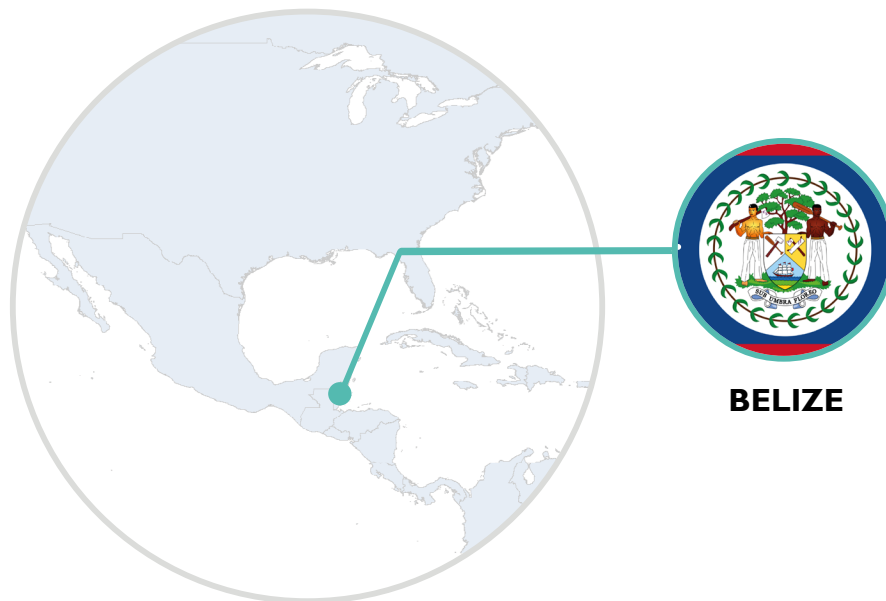


SITUATIONAL CONTEXT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN BELIZE

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



5 people
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 2021.

PROFILE



NATIONALITIES



3 (60%)
Belize



1 (20%)
Guatemala



1 (20%)
El Salvador

FORMS OF EXPLOITATION

60% of cases involved labour exploitation and 40% 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.

3 (60%)

**SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION**



2 (40%)

**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



**5 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



**1 (20%)
Men over
18 years of age**



**4 (80%)
Girls under
18 years of age**

MEANS OF ASSISTANCE

During 2021, a total of five victims were assisted. It is important to note that these include persons from previous years that were assisted that were still in care of the Department of Human Services. The following were the main services provided to victims as needed.

5 (100%)

**MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE**



This included surgery for one victim.

2 (40%)

**PSYCHOSOCIAL
AND MENTAL
HEALTH ASSISTANCE**



This includes psychological counseling.

5 (100%)

**LEGAL
ASSISTANCE**



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

2 (20%)

**FAMILY
REINTEGRATION**



All the assisted victims were returned home.

5 (100%)

ACCOMMODATION



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

4 (80%)

BASIC NEEDS



This service refers to financial assistance for victims.

2 (40%)

**EDUCATIONAL
AND/OR
PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING**



The services refer to life skills training.

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 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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Open judicial proceedings



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Convictions for 2 Person Convicted

CONVICTIONS OCCURRED IN THE FOLLOWING CRIMES

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

LABOUR EXPLOITATION

REPATRIATION

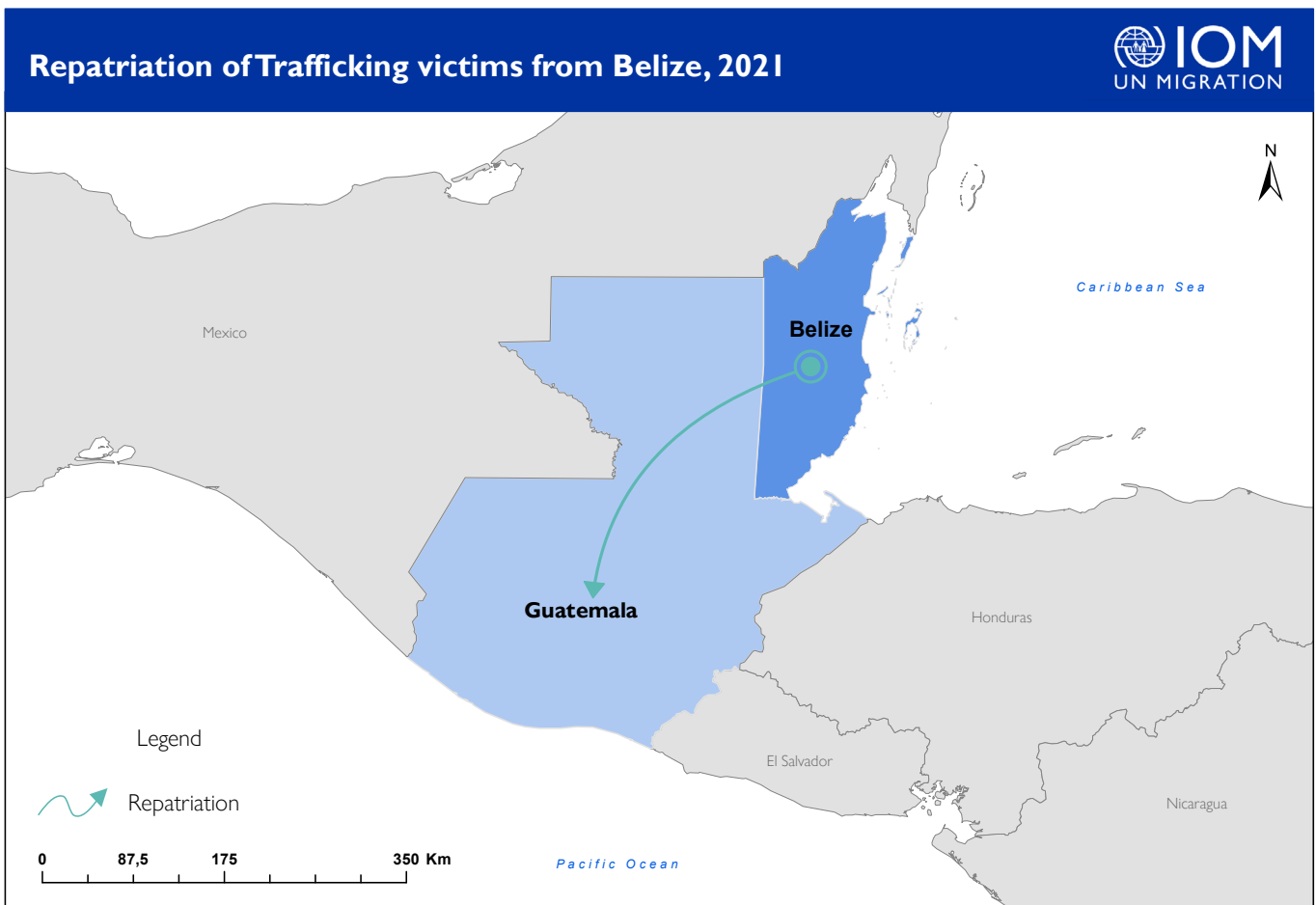
For 2021, 1 foreign victim identified in Belize was repatriated. The victim was repatriated to Guatemala.

PROFILE

 **1 (100%)**
Girls under
18 years of age

MEANS OF REPATRIATION

 **1 (100%)**
by air



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.

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.



2000 (100%)
Direct prevention

Direct prevention activities included an awareness campaign resulted in the creation of an Instagram page for the ATIPs Council; the appearance of four main morning shows; creation of indicator cards for transportation workers; creation of a one- and three-minute video. In addition, the Council partnered with NGOs to go live on Facebook to discuss human trafficking and migration risks.

¹ There are no data regarding indirect prevention activities.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

In 2021, the Cabinet validated and accepted the Protocol for Accompanied and Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Belize. The preparation of this document was done with the support of IOM.



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