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Pan American Health Organization/Organización Panamericana de la Salud TCC FINAL REPORT / INFORME FINAL DE PROYECTO CTP SUMMARY SHEET / RESUMEN			
Report Date / Fecha del Reporte:			
1. GENERAL INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN GENERAL			
Project title/ Título del proyecto:		Country Leader / País Líder:	
Strengthening of National Food Safety Programs		Godswell Flores./Ministry of Health	
Participating countries/ Países participantes		Start date / Fecha de inicio:	
Jamaica and Belize		31st July, 2006	
		End date / Fecha de finalización	
		18th August, 2006	
2. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND ORIGIN / ANTECEDENTES Y ORIGEN DEL PROYECTO			
a) Context/ Contexto			
Food Borne illnesses have greatly affected the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Despite efforts by countries to address factors contributing to such diseases, these continue contributing significantly to morbidity and mortality in some countries. Globalization and increased trade among countries pose further threats to food safety and hence public health.			
The frequency of food borne outbreaks coupled with the need to guarantee food quality and safety along with the obligation to meet the commitment to international food standards, have motivated countries of the region to review their policies, strategies and plans in the areas of food safety with a view to strengthening these programs. This requires that the national authorities working in the area of food safety effect an integrated, technically competent, legal and organized response in order to fulfill the international agreements and at the same time, to provide wholesome food for the national population. Belize and Jamaica are embarking on this technical cooperation among countries project in order to strengthen the national food safety programs through the sharing of experiences in this area and hence contributing to the overall well being of the population in both countries.			
b) Purpose/ Propósito			
To exchange knowledge and experiences between Belize and Jamaica for the strengthening of the National Food Safety Programs and by extension contribute to the well being of the peoples of both countries.			
c) Expected results/ Resultados esperados			
1. National Food Safety Program reviewed and updated 2. Increased partnership in food safety			
3. PROJECT EXECUTION / EJECUCIÓN DEL PROYECTO			
a) Achievement of the expected results / Logros de los resultados esperados			
1. Exchange visits conducted to each country and experiences shared and documented 2. National Food Safety Program assessed and recommendations made for improving key areas 3. Food borne illnesses manual developed; Sensitization of Regional Managers and other key stake holders 4. Development of Procedural and Policy Manual for the food safety Program.			
b) Specific products / Productos específicos			
(i) Food Safety Training Manual Developed (ii) Standardized Food Handlers Identification Card Developed (iii) Establishment of Production Center for Food Handlers Identification Cards (iii) Food Handlers Training Schedule Developed. (v) Development of a Revamped Foods Safety Program for the country of Belize.			
c) Additional achievements / Logros adicionales			
d) Limitations / Limitaciones			
(i) Securing of training centers across the country. (ii) Insufficient funds for the procurement of equipment for the implementation of training program in all major towns and cities.			
e) Total budget and amount spent / Presupuesto total y ejecutado			
Amount budgeted US\$56,660.00, Amount Spent: Belize Ministry of Health (US\$15,000.00)			
4. STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED, E.G. MINISTRIES, INSTITUTES, FOUNDATIONS, NGOS / ACTORES INVOLUCRADOS, EJ: MINISTERIOS, INSTITUTOS, FUNDACIONES, ONGS.			
Ministry of Health Jamaica and Belize , PAHO Jamaica and Belize. and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA)			

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5. LESSONS LEARNED / LECCIONES APRENDIDAS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through working in partnership, collaboration and cooperation with relevant bodies/stakeholders, much can be achieved. 2. Once specific objectives are developed, success can be measured. 			
6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS / CONCLUSIONES Y RECOMENDACIONES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The implementaion of the project should be piloted in designated sites before country wide application. This is to iron glitches that are unforeseen. (ii) The Food handlers certification Prograam to be implemented country wide once the desktop simulation has been concluded. This is to avoid having other parallel programs for certification of Food Handlers in the country. (iii) Provision of training centers in all district for use in the training of Food Handlers. (iv) Development of new Public Health regulations to streghten the new policies for Food Handlers certification. 			