Health Sector Support Programme Belize

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for all Belizeans, living now and in the future”
Develop efficient, effective, disaster-resilient, and environmentally friendly health facilities.

Improve the structure, organization, and management of health services.

Support tender, installation and operationalization of a Supply Data Exchange Warehouse and Analytics Platform software (CDEP).

This framework, along with the Health Sector Strategic Plan 2014-2024, defined the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) agreement between Belize and the European Union (EU).

The 11th EDF prioritizes disaster-resilient and environmentally friendly health facilities, strengthening the structure, organization and management of health services and improving Belize's health information system in the country.

The first two priorities formed the basis for a partnership between the Ministry of Health and Wellness Belize (MoHW), the European Union (EU), and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO).

Aimed at “achieving a better quality of life, for all Belizeans, living now and in the future,” the Health Sector Support Programme Belize project is a five-year project that will:

- Develop efficient, effective, disaster-resilient, and environmentally friendly health facilities.
- Improve the structure, organization, and management of health services.
- Support tender, installation and operationalization of a Supply Data Exchange Warehouse and Analytics Platform software (CDEP).

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What is the "Health Sector Support Programme Belize" project?

Under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) agreement between Belize and the European Union (EU), this is a five-year project aimed at "achieving a better quality of life, for all Belizeans, living now and in the future." The project prioritizes disaster-resilient and environmentally friendly health facility strengthening structure, organization and management of health services, and improving Belize's health information system.

Who are the key partners for the project?

- **PAHO**
  Implemented through the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

- **Guided by the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW)**

- **Funded by the European Union (EU)**

What are the objectives of the project?

- Develop efficient, disaster resilient and environmentally friendly health facilities.
- Improve the structure, organization & management of health services.
- Support tender, installation and operationalization of a Supply Data Exchange Warehouse and Analytics Platform software (CDEP).

What laid the foundation for this project?

Belize's framework for National Development – Horizon 2030 defined four pillars essential for improving the quality of life for Belizeans. The fourth pillar, bricks and mortar, envision universal access to quality healthcare throughout the life cycle with a refocusing on the public health system, delivery of health services and healthy lifestyles.
SAFE = RESILIENCY
- Sound Roof & Foundation
- Improved Security & Signage
- Secured Equipment & Full Storage
- Protected & Efficient Doors & Windows
- Good Drainage & Back-up Power
- Water Reserve
- Disaster Management Plans
- Comprehensive Maintenance Planning
- Disability Access

GREEN - ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND
- Water Efficiency
- Waste Minimization & Management
- Pollution Reduction
- Rain Water Harvesting
- Alternative Power Using
- Renewable Energy
- Efficient Lighting & Cooling
- Improved Indoor Air Quality

SAFE + GREEN = SMART

SMART = SUSTAINABILITY
- Reduced Downtime
- Resilient Structure
- Reduced Operating Cost
- Improved Safety
- Satisfied Patients and Staff
- Environmentally Sound Operation
- Improved emergency care and services for the community

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Strategic Objective 2: Improving the structure, organization and management of health services.

- Implement an Integrated Health Service Delivery Network (IHSDN) approach in all regions, including primary care services.
- Re-organize the health system with improved efficiencies & organizational management fostering partnership with different stakeholders.
- Relevant training to the Ministry of Health and Wellness on Results-based management (RBM), strategic planning, and programme budgeting.
- Design a Monitoring and Evaluation System for the health sector and support its implementation.
- Coordinate an Intersectoral approach for the management of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) integrated into the health service delivery network.

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Strategic Objective 3: Development and operationalization of a Clinical Data Exchange Platform (CDEP).

In line with a set of international and national standards and regulation.

Goal:

Increase coverage and improve access to basic primary health care since it will be able to provide laboratory and radiology results to community hospitals and health centres.

Belize Health Information System (BHIS)

Registration & Clinical Activity Web Application (RAWA)

Cancer Registry Enhancement

Training health teams/staff in the CDEP

Monitoring & Evaluating (M&E) Indicators
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€500,000 EUROS REORIENTED

1. Enhancing national laboratory network diagnostic capacity including purchasing testing kits, equipment and supplies, and providing training on their use.

2. Integrated healthcare at the community level improved equipment and supplies, capacity building, health promotion, and community engagement.

3. Enhancing infection prevention and control with a focus on medical waste management for COVID-19.
Strategic Objective 1: Developing climate-friendly, energy-efficient, and disaster-resilient health facilities.

Hospital Safety Index and Green Checklist applied to:

24

Health facilities in the country and the Central Medical Laboratory

Three training sessions conducted on Disaster Preparedness and Response for health teams:

- Training on Mass Casualty Management (MCM) and Incident Command System (ICS)
- Emergency Care and Treatment (ECAT) for first responders

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Retroffiting works tendered by PAHO/WHO and ground breaking for the health facilities expected during the second semester of 2021.

Strategic Objective 1: Developing climate-friendly, energy-efficient, and disaster-resilient health facilities.

Baseline Assessment Tool applied to Central Medical Laboratory

Achievements
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Design works tendered for Northern Regional Hospital

Design works contract awarded for Western Regional Hospital

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Strategic Objective 2: Improving the structure, organization and management of health services.

Model of Care

1. Health Sector Reform Assessment Report drafted
2. Provider Payment Mechanism Study drafted
3. Fiscal Space Analysis and National Health Insurance Costing presented
4. Orientation on Assessment Tools for Integrated Health Service Delivery and Essential Conditions conducted
5. Assessment of Essential Conditions (AEC) Tools modified to include COVID-19
Achievements
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Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

1. Cancer strategic Plan 2020-2024 drafted for review by the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW)
2. Communication and Marketing Strategy for NCDs drafted
3. Roadmap for a National Nutrition Policy drafted
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Supporting the expansion of laboratory diagnosis of COVID-19 through Rapid Antigen Testing

- 7 SD Biosensor F200 Antigen Test Analyzers
- 10,000 SD Biosensor Test Kits

Improving occupational safety at Central Medical Laboratory

- 20 fire extinguishers
- 19 smoke detectors
- 2 emergency showers with eye wash

Multidisciplinary team on medical waste management convened

- Development of a medical waste management plan

Equipping health workers to provide care in their communities

- 230 non-contact thermometers
- 230 basic first aid kits
- 230 stethoscopes with penlight & scissors
- 230 glucometers, glucometer strips, & medical lancets
- 100 pulse oximeters
- 230 bags for the items

Training curriculum for Community Health Workers developed

Equipment procured for Community Health Worker Training

- 9 computers
- 8 projectors

Communicating risk and engaging communities to protect themselves

- Language-specific PSAs delivered to 26 villages (Corozal), 33 villages (Toledo) & 26 villages (Orange Walk) & aired on 10 radio & 6 television stations
- 1,650 posters printed and distributed to businesses and various Ministries along with social media campaign and print campaign in newspapers

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