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## 1.0

### Introduction

During the last decade, Belize's economy grew slowly, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increasing by 2.2% annually, and the social indicators deteriorated as well, including the poverty rate, which rose from 41% in 2009 to 52% in 2018. Further, the country was one of the most highly impacted economies by COVID-19 in the world. The GDP contracted by 16.7% in 2020, unemployment increased from 7.7% to 13.7% and labor force participation deteriorated from 70.1% to 55.1% in 2020 and 2021 (IDB, 2020; IMF, 2021; SIB, 2021a; SIB, 2021b).

The recovery has been strong since the start of the pandemic, GDP growth was 12.5% for 2021 and forecasted at 6.5% for 2022 (IMF, 2022). Unemployment was reduced to 9.2% and labor force participation also improved 62.4%, largely due to the gradual recovery of the tourism industry. Nevertheless, uncertainties and risks remain, including the ongoing health crisis, the occurrence of natural disasters and heightened inflation.

To face these challenges, the Government of Belize (GoB) requested the INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK's (IDB) support to increase opportunities for vulnerable populations, promoting natural resource-based economic activities in the post COVID-19 context. The operation identified as the "Sustainable and Inclusive Belize" Program as BL-L1041 is developing by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Agricultural Enterprises of Belize (MAFSE).

Belize's economy is highly concentrated on two sectors, tourism, and agriculture, which represent about half of its wealth. Therefore, the general objective of this operation is to improve incomes and promote sustainable livelihoods in the agriculture and tourism sectors. The specific objectives are to improve Micro Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) competitiveness, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability.

The total amount of investment in the program is 15,880.00 US dollars.

## 1.1

### Beneficiaries

To reach the objectives indicated, the program is focused especially on groups of beneficiaries whose are more related at programs aims, as: vulnerable populations who are individual entrepreneurs (including farmers), members in associative arrangements, and/or owners of MSMEs of the selected sectors. It must be emphasized that particular attention will be paid to women, youth, indigenous people, afro descendants, and migrants.

## 1.2

### Program Components

The program is divided in two mains components, as described above:

**Component 1. Direct support to farmers, agricultural groups and MSMEs for sustainable and inclusive development (reference amount: US\$11,000,000)**

- Sub-component 1: Environmentally sustainable and climate resilient farming systems, through the financing of:
  - a) Technical Assistance (TA), with gender and socio-cultural approaches;
  - b) Provision of Green Innovation Vouchers (GIV) to farmers to partially finance the implementation of their farm plans with the support of the technical advisers.

This sub-component is geared towards individual farmers, with the following project eligibility criteria:

- a) Be a registered farmer
  - b) Farm on an acreage >0.5 and less than <20
  - c) Possess secure land tenure
  - d) Unregistered farmers must be willing to register and formalize their status if they want to participate.
- Sub-component 2: Sustainable and Inclusive Agri-Food Markets, through the financing of:
  - a) The preparation of Green Agri-Business Plans (GABP)
  - b) The implementation of Green Agri-Business Plans (GABP)

This sub-component is geared towards farmers' organizations and Individual MSMEs. Eligibility criteria for farmers' organizations are as follows:

- a) Be a registered farmer organization
  - b) Possess secure land tenure
  - c) Unregistered farmer organizations must be willing to register and formalize their status if they want to participate.

Eligibility criteria for Individual MSMEs are as follows:

- a) Be a registered MSME
  - b) Have no more than 4 full time employees, including the owner manager
- Sub-component 3: Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism, through the financing of:
  - a) The preparation of Sustainable Tourism Business Plans (STBP);
  - b) The implementation of approximately 150 STBP, for an average amount of US\$15,000



**Component 2. Enabling environment for sustainable and inclusive development (from results achieved under Component 1), financing (reference amount: US\$4,000,000):**

- a) The creation of a Skills Development Ecosystem for sustainable and inclusive agriculture and tourism sectors;
- b) The upscale of the existing Climate Risks Information System (CRIS) to a “Climate and Environmental Risks Information System”;
- c) Market Information Systems;
- d) The pilot implementation of Green Certification Schemes, one in the tourism sector and one in the agricultural sector;
- e) Communication and public information campaigns on climate and environmental risks and on resilient, low carbon and environmentally sustainable practices in agriculture and tourism.

## **2.0 Methodology**

The stakeholders’ consultation must be an ongoing process during the whole project. Nevertheless, at this point, when the program is at planning phase, the focus is on disseminating information about the project to stakeholders and gathering questions, suggestions, and proposals so that adjustments can be incorporated.

As stated in the Stakeholders Engagement Plan, the steps required to get this process started are as follows:

- Stage 1: Stakeholders identification

The identification and characterization of significant stakeholders have carried out Key Actor Mapping. This technique allows identifying people and organizations that may be important for the approach, design, evaluation, or systematization of a specific project.

- Stage 2: Participation Strategy

Participation strategies will depend on the objectives and levels of influence that the participants will have in decision-making. It is essential to consider that the greater the degree of commitment to participate in a continuous process, the more successful the implementation of the Program may be.

- Stage 3: Public Consultation

The public consultation has the objective to involve the population directly or indirectly affected or benefited by the Program in the consultation events through the provision of mechanisms and channels of participation and communication that facilitate their interference in decision-making and the implementation of the Program.

The first public consultation event was held on July 28, 2022 in Belize City (will be described below).

Further specific consultations are being planned so that the stakeholders identified in the SEP are adequately covered in this initial phase of consultation regarding project planning. It should be noted that certain basic principles will need to be addressed during the development of these upcoming events, such as:

- **Start in the early phases of the project:** Stakeholders should be consulted in a continuous and iterative process throughout the project cycle and start as early as possible.
- **Be Inclusive:** The Consultation should establish that individuals, local groups, institutions, and organizations are part of the process.
- **Have resources for its execution:** The consultation process must contemplate the resources, budget, personnel, capacity, and will of the project authorities to accept the formality of the opinions of the interested parties and modify the designs and implementation of the project.
- **Be Transparent:** The Consultation should include its scope and the ability of stakeholders to influence project decisions so that it is transparent and based on objective information.
- **Be Fair:** It must be impartial and non-discriminatory and ensure that affected stakeholders have a voice.
- **Prior information:** Those interested in the representative public Consultation must access previous information on relevant aspects of the project in a language, format, and mode appropriate for each context.
- **Be Respectful:** Consultations and other means of engaging with stakeholders should be respectful and free from coercion. Protecting reprisals to interested parties who express their concern or criticism against the project or the authorities is necessary.
- **Be Reliable:** The confidentiality of the information and interested parties must be ensured when necessary.
- **Be Meaningful:** A consultation process must have a clear objective and avoid excessive discussions that lead nowhere.
- **Provide for its systematization:** The consultation process must be systematically documented, and its most relevant aspects must be publicly disclosed (STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT PLAN, 2022: 15-6).

It should be considered that in the case of Belize the linguistic issue is an important challenge to be faced. With a significant part of the rural population speaking Spanish (as well as other preferential beneficiaries of the project, such as immigrants and traditional populations), and the official language of the country being English, it is fundamental that a case-by-case assessment be made so that language does not become an element that hinders the understanding of the social actors involved in this process. The indigenous populations that are not fluent in the surrounding languages must also be considered. In these cases, the presence of interpreters will be necessary during the meetings.

### 3.0 First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

The first event was held on Thursday 28th July from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in a Best Western Plus Belize Biltmore Plaza 3 1/2 Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize (the agenda is in the **Annex 1**). An invitation was sent by Belize government on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The invitations were sent from an initial list of stakeholders identified in SEP. The main key players and interest groups indicated in the plan were invited and were present. (attendance list is in the **Annex 2**).

This first event was conducted in face-to-face and virtually, and was led by the IDB, with representatives from the Ministries of Agriculture and Tourism, and JGP Consulting, hired by the IDB to assist in developing and carrying out the consultation process in this phase of the project. The meeting was registered in photos on the spot and in screenshots to record the participation of those who were present in a virtual way. Its main objectives were present the project scope; present the stakeholder consultation plan; and agree on next steps.



**Photo 01:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.



**Photo 02:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.



**Photo 03:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.



**Photo 04:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.



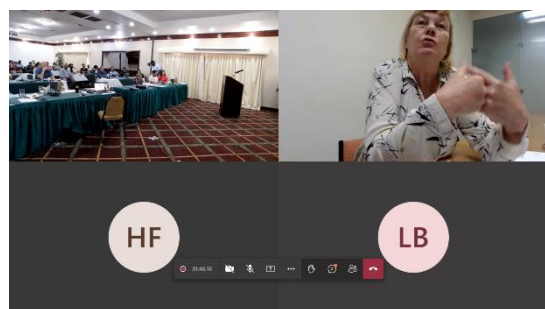
**Photo 05:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.





**Photo 06:** First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Belize City.



**Photo 07:** Presentation by JGP Consultoria, which participated virtually.



**Photo 08:** Presentation by JGP Consultoria, which participated virtually.

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| <p><b>Photo 09:</b> Presentation by JGP Consultoria, which participated virtually.</p> | <p><b>Photo 010:</b> Presentation by JGP Consultoria, which participated virtually.</p> |

Before the presentations, representatives of the ministries introduced themselves and explained the relationship of each of the agencies to the goals of the project. The presentation on the scope of the project was led by Jorge Omar Samayoa Juarez, of the IDB (**Annex 3**), and the issues related to the consultation process were handled by Ana Iversson, JGP representative (**Annex 4**).

After each of the presentations, there was an opportunity for questions and suggestions from the audience.

Below, in **Table 3.0.a**, are reported the questions, comments, and suggestions as well as the answers and considerations elaborated for each case.

**Table 3.0.a**  
**List of questions and answers addressed in event**

| Question/Comments   | Answers/Comments   |
|---|--|
| What's of time frame for this project?  | Approve this year, implementation begins next year   |
| Is there a consideration about import of agriculture?   | The project is not looking at commodities approach. Looking at size. Ex. Soy, pineapple.   |
| Products that are already implemented for manufacture?  | Inclusive needs to be consulted. Move toward traditional productions and improve small enterprises.  |
| Young entrepreneurs need a start off. But manufactures also need to expand. What about those?                               | Response for that in the next event. In terms of tourism   |
| Technical support to business organization. What are the application processes?   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everything in the consultation will be taken into consideration. Still working on the application terms. Large expert team will work on the response.</li> <li>- Best mechanism needs to be discussed through inputs collected.</li> <li>- One of the challenges is the length of the plan, who qualifies for the assistance (important)</li> </ul> |
| One of the issues of new market. What strategy is going to be used to be implemented to the referred markets? ex. cardamom. | The project will look at formal and informal market. Formalizing markets but still sustained by formal markets. Support can be guaranteed by formal market. Themes as agrotourism; organic market, and fair trade market are good opportunities. Belize offers a good market for that. Bring these experiences to Belize.  |
| Criteria for land tenure. How communal land will be addressed?  | It is a recognized tenure land. Validated by the association.  |
| LGBTIQ+ Community, Woman, indigenous. Detailed report on LGBTIQ+ tourism?   | There is not much specific data on gender and disability. This needs to be thought through.<br><br>There is a tremendous market based on diversity. You have different market segments and LGBTIQ+ is one of those.  |
| Is it offering training or supporting the supply chain?   | Yes, building of capability is one of the main parts of the program.   |
| Are you going to use institutions with expertise or create new ones?  | Initial consultation with existing institutions  |
| Quality of products as a concern. It will be great to ensure the quality of the products of the program.                    | <p>Quality depends on the product systems. Try to produce with quality.</p> <p>Training for the farmers and specialization.</p> <p>Quality and overproduction. preservation. Production systems are important. Technologies. Try to address those issues. Set up a certification system for quality.</p>   |

## 4.0

### Next Steps

At the end of the event, it was agreed that the next steps to be taken will be as follows:

- Conduct regional consultations events face-to-face with key groups in the month of August 2022 in Punta Gorda, Corozal, Toledo and Dandriga, with participatory methodology.
- Systematization of all doubts, contributions and demands raised during the event.
- Virtual meetings to share planning and results and advances in the program.

At this point, the dates, exact locations, and logistics of the next face-to-face consultation events are being adjusted among stakeholders so that they meet the expectations of the project and the beneficiaries, who will have the opportunity, in a participatory way, to be informed and give their opinions and suggestions about the project. The meetings are expected to take place during the week of August 15-19, 2022.

All the activities will be conducted in a participatory and inclusive manner and will be fully registered and documented so that they will form part of a final report that will formalize this initial consultation process.



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## ANNEXES

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## **Annex 1 – BL-L1041 Stakeholders Consultation Agenda First Event**

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## **Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program (BL-L1041)**

### **First Stakeholders Consultation Event**

**Date July 28, 2022**

**Place: Best Western Plus Belize Biltmore Plaza, 3 1/2 Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize**

**From 13:00 to 15:00 Hrs**

### **AGENDA**

**Opening**

**Word by representative of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment (MFEDI) (TBC)**

**Word by Mr. Clifford Martínez, Focal Point from Ministry of Agriculture**

**Word by Mr. Raymond Mossiah, Focal Point from Minister of Tourism**

**Presentation of the Project Sustainable and Inclusive Belize, Omar Samayoa, Inter-American Development Bank**

**Presentation Consultation Plan, JPG Consulting Group**

**Next steps, JPG Consulting Group**

**Questions and Answers**

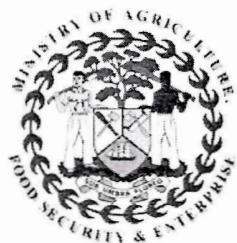
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## **Annex 2 – Presence List**

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## Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program (BL-L1041) First Stakeholders Consultation Event

### PRESENCE LIST

Date July 28, 2022

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From 13:00 to 15:00 Hrs

| NAME              | INSTITUTION             | CONTACT (Phone) | EMAIL | GENDER | SIGNATURE |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Sergio Hernandez  | Ministry of Agriculture |                 |       | M      |           |
| Emilio Perez      | Ministry of Agric       |                 |       | M      |           |
| Gyral Sabal       | Sabal's Cassava         |                 |       | M      |           |
| Douglas Thompson  | Black Orchid Resort     |                 |       | M      |           |
| Chad Gillett      | Ministry of Tourism     |                 |       | F      |           |
| Best Wolfenberger | Glassbox Management     |                 |       | M      |           |
| Kimberly Searle   | Crene de la Crene       |                 |       | F      |           |
| MARCELLO BLAKE    | B.C.C.I                 |                 |       | M      |           |
| Fernando Orellana | B.U.F.C.                |                 |       | M      |           |
| Tanisha Orellana  | B.U.F.C                 |                 |       | F      |           |
| Densford Mangar   | Ministry of Agric.      |                 |       | M      |           |
| Julia Drysdale    | tourism                 |                 |       | F      |           |



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| NAME                   | INSTITUTION                   | CONTACT (Phone) | EMAIL | GENDER   | SIGNATURE |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Atalio Santos          | New River Farmers Cooperative |                 |       | M        |           |
| Julio Perez            | New River Farmers Cooperative |                 |       | M        |           |
| Erin Hernandez         | New River Farmers Coop.       |                 |       | m.       |           |
| Clifford Martinez Jr   | MAFSE                         |                 |       | M        |           |
| Willie Chan            | IICA Belize                   |                 |       | M        |           |
| Jonelle Hemmans        | Ministry of Tourism           |                 |       | gov.bz F |           |
| Monique Usher          | BELTAIDE                      |                 |       | F        |           |
| Griselda Aranza Mendez | Nagobank coop                 |                 |       | F        |           |
| Alexander Pineda       | Nagobank coop                 |                 |       | M        |           |
| Armando Alvar          | FBO - BELIZE                  |                 |       | M        |           |
| Veronica Mangano       | COA                           |                 |       | F        |           |



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|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Armando Chac        | Farmer                     |                 |       | M      |           |
| Vicente Perez       | Cardamom grower            |                 |       | M      |           |
| Rosendo Cruz        | Cardamom grower            |                 |       | M      |           |
| Graneth Montero     | Splash Wavebars            |                 |       | M      |           |
| Isaac Roboteau      | Belize Creole Museum       |                 |       | M      |           |
| Rachael Armstrong   | Belize Creole Museum       |                 |       | F      |           |
| TAMARA MENDO        | <del>THE</del> CARO/NICOLE |                 |       | F      |           |
| Ezer Blandon        | Farmer                     |                 |       | M      |           |
| David Amaya         | Farmer                     |                 |       | M      |           |
| Guillermo Marroquin | Farmer                     |                 |       | M      |           |
| Leelaston Irving    | CGA                        |                 |       | M      |           |





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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| William Cam     | MAFSE       |                 |       | M      |           |
| Miguel Balon    | MAFSE       |                 |       | M      |           |
| MIRIAM O-SERRUT | PCB         |                 |       | F      |           |
| Justaquino Tzuc | MAFSE       |                 |       | M      |           |
| Dyon Elliott    | BCCI        |                 |       | M      |           |
| Linette Cantor  | BTIA        |                 |       | F      |           |
| Raymond Mossiah | MTDR        |                 |       | M      |           |
| Uleb Ormoo      | Unibdm      |                 |       | M      |           |
| James Young     | Splash wave |                 |       | M      |           |
| Stacey Hemmans  | Splash wave |                 |       | F      |           |
| Lester Kaldez   | MAFSE       |                 |       | M      |           |



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## **Annex 3 – BL-L1041 - Stakeholder Consultation**

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# Sustainable and Inclusive Belize (BL-L1041)

Stakeholder Consultation

July 28 2022



# Sustainable and Inclusive Belize (BL-L1041)

Stakeholder Consultation: First event

July 28 2022

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Rural Development Sector Specialist  
*Environment, Rural Development and  
Disaster Risk Management Division (CSD/RND)*





# Objectives of this first event

- 1) Present the project scope
- 2) Present the stakeholder consultation plan
- 3) Agree on next steps



# Technical content & implementing mechanisms





OG: Improved incomes and sustainable livelihoods in the agriculture and tourism sectors

OE1: Improved competitiveness

OE2: Improved climate resilience and environmental sustainability

C1: Direct support to indiv. entrepreneurs, MSMEs and Associations for sustainable and inclusive development

C2: Enabling environment for sustainable and inclusive development

SC1.1: Green, low carbon and climate resilient agricultural practices

O1.1: Individual farmers receiving Technical Assistance

O1.2: Individual farmers receiving grants

SC1.2: Access to profitable markets

O1.3: Rural MSMEs / Farmers Organizations receiving Techn. Assistance

O1.4: Rural MSMEs / Farmers Organizations receiving grants

SC1.3: Green tourism

O1.5: Tourism MSMEs receiving Technical Assistance

O1.6: Tourism MSMEs receiving grants

O2.1: Individuals trained in sustainable agriculture and tourism

O2.2: Climate and Environmental Risks Information Portal upscaled

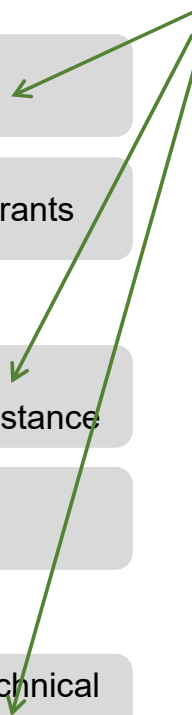
O2.3: Belize Agricultural Information Portal established

O2.4: Belize Marketing and Development Corporation strengthened

O2.5: Green certification scheme established

O2.6: Governance instruments revised with increased environment & CC mainstream for the agric. & tourism sectors

O2.7: Environment and CC awareness/information campaigns implemented



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OE2: Improved climate resilience and environmental sustainability

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MAFSE  
(implementing entities)

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MTDR/BTB

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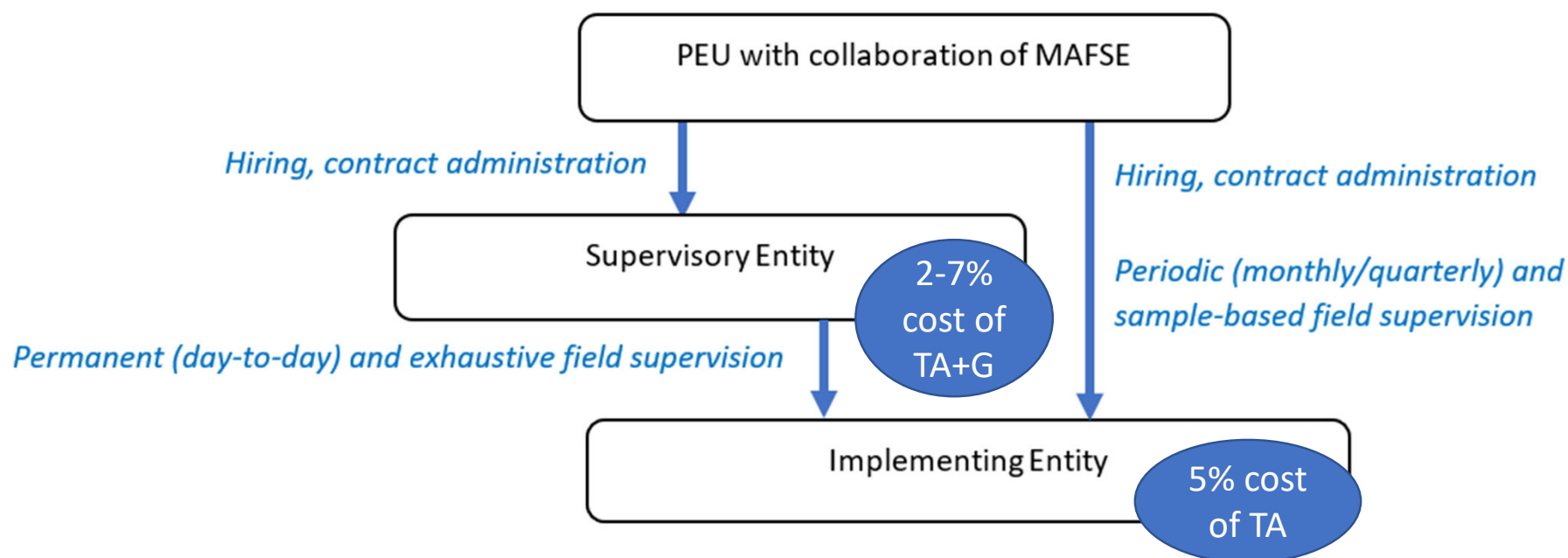
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| PEU (MED)   | Line Institution (MAFSE)   | Implementing Entity  | Supervisory Entity  |
|---|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines scope of work of Implementing and Supervisory Entities (<u>ToRs</u>)</li> <li>Conduct procurement processes and hires Entities</li> <li>Manages contracts</li> <li>Receives deliverables</li> <li>Make payments</li> </ul> | Technical support to the EA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborates with the determination of scopes.</li> <li>Technical follow-up to the supervisor's work</li> <li>Reviews and approves supervisor's reports</li> <li>Periodic (depending on staff availability) field supervision</li> <li>Ensures policy alignment and strategic supervision</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implements activities according to <u>ToRs</u>: execution of technical assistance to farmers, agro-MSMES and farmers cooperatives/associations) to achieve outputs</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 20px;"> <i>National entity(ies)</i> </div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent and exhaustive field supervision, to ensure that the implementing entity complies with the activities according to (i) Scope, Quality, Time and Costs established by the PEU (ii) Bank's E&amp;S <u>Policies</u>;</li> <li>Certifies and approves payments (to the Implementing Entity [TA] and to providers [grants]...)</li> <li>Monitors technical and financial progress and provide inputs to PEU/Line Institution for reporting progress in execution</li> </ul> |



# Budget

**Table 4. Summary of Project costs (US\$000s)\***

| Components   | IDB             |              | Total           | %           |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
|  | ORC             | (GRF)        |                 |             |
| <b>Component I. Direct support to individual entrepreneurs, MSMEs and Associations for sustainable and inclusive development</b> | <b>11,245.0</b> | <b>800.0</b> | <b>12,045.0</b> | <b>76%</b>  |
| Sub-component 1.1: Environmentally sustainable and climate resilient farming systems   | 5,185.0         | 400.0        | 5,585.0         | 35%         |
| Sub-component 1.2: Sustainable and inclusive Agri-food markets   | 2,919.6         | 400.0        | 3,319.6         | 21%         |
| Sub-component 1.3: Sustainable and inclusive tourism   | 3,140.4         | -            | 3,140.4         | 20%         |
| <b>Component II. Enabling environment for sustainable and inclusive development</b>  | <b>2,755.0</b>  | <b>-</b>     | <b>2,755.0</b>  | <b>17%</b>  |
| <b>Others Cost</b>   | <b>1,000.0</b>  | <b>-</b>     | <b>1,000.0</b>  | <b>6%</b>   |
| Project administration and Management  | 550.0           | -            | 550.0           | 3%          |
| Monitoring and evaluations   | 350.0           | -            | 350.0           | 2%          |
| Audit  | 100.0           | -            | 100.0           | 1%          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>15,000.0</b> | <b>800.0</b> | <b>15,800.0</b> | <b>100%</b> |

\* The costs of subcomponents are indicative.

## Sub-component 1: Environmentally sustainable and climate resilient farming systems

To promote the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices, increase climate resilience and agricultural productivity, the project will finance the following activities:

- a. **Technical Assistance (TA).** (i) the elaboration of a farm plan, a roadmap to improve the farm's organization and management to achieve profitability and sustainability goals; (ii) the implementation of the farm plan, including follow-up visits to provide technical advice on production, climate-smart and environmentally sustainable practices, and/or standards required to enter formal markets; (iii) farm management (e.g., basic accounting) and access to market information (e.g., market requirements, financing opportunities, etc.); and (iv) support to registration in BAIMS (requirement to obtain financing), if needed.

Technical assistants will also organize and facilitate collective training and learning-by-doing activities such as farmers field schools. The eligibility criteria will ensure that indigenous and migrant farmers will be included, and an MoU will be signed with indigenous authorities (alcaldes) to ensure participation of indigenous women.

- b. Green Innovation Vouchers (GIV)** will be provided to farmers to partially finance the implementation of their farm plans with the support of the technical advisers. The GIV will have a maximum amount of US\$2,000. The eligibility criteria for the investments to be financed are: (i) inputs/equipment must be included in the pre-established menu of authorized technologies (i.e., climate-smart and environmentally sustainable inputs and equipment to support: farm diversification, agroforestry and silvopastoral systems, fodder banks, high quality planting material, good practices in soil and water management, substitution of chemically synthesized fertilizers and pesticides by bio-inputs, water storage and drip).
- (ii) the inputs/equipment selected by the farmers contribute to the implementation of their farm plan; and (iii) the inputs/equipment are exchanged with the GIV through a private provider accredited by the project.

- b. GIVs will be provided (along with TA) to approximately 1,500 farmers, who will meet the following eligibility criteria: (i) present proof of land tenure, property rights or usufruct; according local standards; (ii) being a small farmer (from 0.5 acres to 20 acres); and (iii) commit to register in the BAIMS, if not yet the case. Beneficiary farmers for TA and GIV will be selected among the eligible ones through public random raffle, except in indigenous areas where culturally appropriate selection mechanisms will be implemented, validated by the communities

## Sub-component 2: Sustainable and Inclusive Agri-Food Markets

To increase competitiveness and access to markets, the project will finance:

- a. **The preparation of Green Agri-Business Plans (GABP)** for approximately 40 Farmers Groups (FGs), with an estimated total of 1000 individual beneficiaries, considering an average of 25 members for each FG; and 80 MSMEs, with an estimated total of 320 individual beneficiaries, considering an average of 3 employees for each MSME. MSMEs (not FGs) will have to present evidence of having conducted business activities for at least one year prior to registering in the project. The GABP will include investments that aim to improve access to markets, with emphasis on environmental sustainability and/or climate resilience, including: (i) storage; (ii) processing; (iii) transportation; (iv) market intelligence; (v) compliance with formal requirements (registrations and legal certificates); (vi) certifications (i.e, environmental, fair trade, etc.); (vii) digitalization; (viii) diversification, among others.

To elaborate the GABPs, the project will finance managerial advice to FGs/MSMEs through “business advisors”. The business advisors will also provide, during an estimated period of three (3) years, TA to the FG/MSME in topics such as: formalization/registration and elaboration of financial statements, business administration, financing, and market opportunities, among others.



**b. The implementation of Green Agri-Business Plans (GABP)** for approximately 20 FGs (estimated total of 500 individual beneficiaries) and 40 MSMEs (estimated total of 160 individual beneficiaries). To that purpose, FGs could receive a grant up to a maximum amount of US\$75,000; and MSMEs could receive a grant for a maximum of US\$25,000. To be eligible for financing, the GABP will meet the following criteria: (i) proof of formal legal status of the FG/MSME; (ii) proof of land tenure when the GABP includes the construction of infrastructure facilities; (iii) profitability and financial viability assessment; (iv) socio-environmental management strategy; and (v) others included in the MOP. Qualification criteria of GABPs will include (i) evidence that investments to be implemented are low carbon or environmentally sustainable (i.e., solar panels, waste reuse or reduction, circular economy practices); (ii) participation of women, youth, and migrants; and (iii) others included in the MOP.

Eligible GABP's expenses will include: (i) TA and training; (ii) small infrastructure facilities; (iii) goods; (iv) equipment and machinery; and (v) costs of certifications and registrations, as well as all the costs associated with the implementation of the socio-environmental management strategy. 20% and 10% of grants will be reserved for female-led and Indigenous-led MSMEs/Organizations, respectively

### Sub-component 3: Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism

- a. **The preparation of Sustainable Tourism Business Plans (STBP)** for approximately 200 MSMEs in the tourism sector. Eligibility criteria for beneficiary MSMEs will include evidence of having conducted business activities for at least one year prior to registering in the project. The STBP will include investments that aim to reduce negative environmental externalities, enhance innovation and digitalization, and support market intelligence. To elaborate the STBPs, the project will finance managerial advice to MSMEs through “business advisors”. The business advisors will also provide technical assistance to MSMEs in topics such as: formalization/registration and elaboration of financial statements, business administration, financing and market opportunities, among others

### Sub-component 3: Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism

- b. The implementation of approximately 150 STBP**, for an average amount of US\$15,000. To be eligible for financing, the STBPs will meet the following criteria: (i) proof of formal legal status of the MSME; (ii) proof of land tenure when the STBP includes the construction of small facilities; (iii) profitability and financial viability assessment; (iv) socio-environmental management strategy. Qualification criteria of STBP will include: (i) evidence of the STBP's financial sustainability; (ii) evidence that investments to be implemented are low carbon or environmentally sustainable (i.e., individual sewage/waste management solutions, circular economy practices, among others); and (iii) others included in the MOP. The STBPs will be selected based on a green screening tool to prioritize environmentally sustainable and climate change adaptation/mitigation investments. Eligible STBP's expenses will include training, goods, equipment, certifications and registrations; as well as all the costs associated with the implementation of the socio-environmental management strategy.



# GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:

## AGRICULTURE:

- \*Where “vulnerable” categories are
- \*Not in commodities production areas (except if for diversification)
- \*Where there is demand / complementarity / no duplication with other projects (esp. large IFAD, CGF and WB-financed projects)
- \*Focus to minimize administration costs
- \*Nationwide scope

## TOURISM:

- \*Nationwide (focus on tourism priority areas)



# SOCIO-CULTURAL RISKS

**AVOID EXCLUSION / ACTIVELY PROMOTE  
INCLUSION OF**

**Women**

**Youth**

**Indigenous people**

**Afrodescendants**

**Migrants (+ consider risk of conflicts)**

**→ ADJUSTEMENT TO TECHNICAL CONTENT and/or  
IMPLEMENTING METHODOLOGIES**



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## **Annex 4 – JGP Presentation - Public Consultation**

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Ministry of Finance



# **Sustainable and Inclusive Belize (BL-L1041)**

## **Stakeholder Consultation**

**July 28 2022**



# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

- **Following in policies of IDB Invest an strategic environmental and social assessment** was made in order identify and planning of potential negative and positive impacts due development of program.
- The assessment made contemplates major characterization of Belize main physical, biotic and social-economic aspects of the components of the program in all phases.

# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

## **Socio-Environmental characterization**

- Physical environment
- Biotic Environment
- Social-Economic context

## **Strategic Options**

## **Socio-environmental Assessment of Impact and Risks**

## **Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)**

## **Identification of Risks and Impacts**

## **Management Programs**

## **Stakeholders' engagement**

## **Monitoring and review**

# STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT

**As a result, positive and negative environmental and social impacts were identified and considered likely to be moderate, temporary, and localized, for which mitigation measures are readily available.**



# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

Several Aspects of the physical, biotic and social-economic was studied.

Figure 6. Land Cover 2000-2015

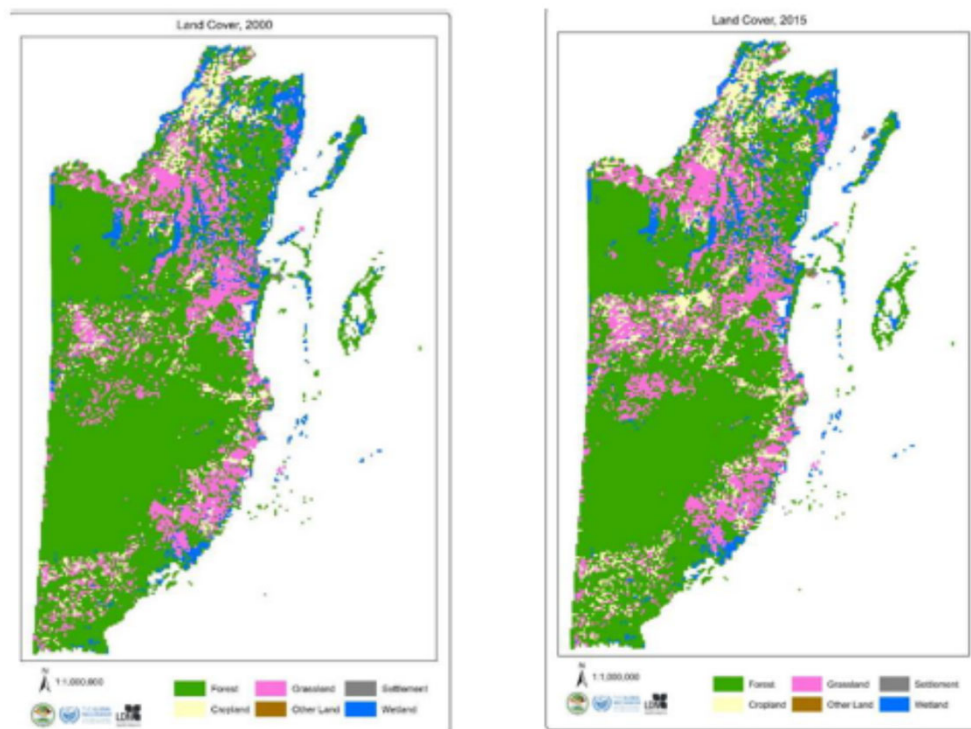
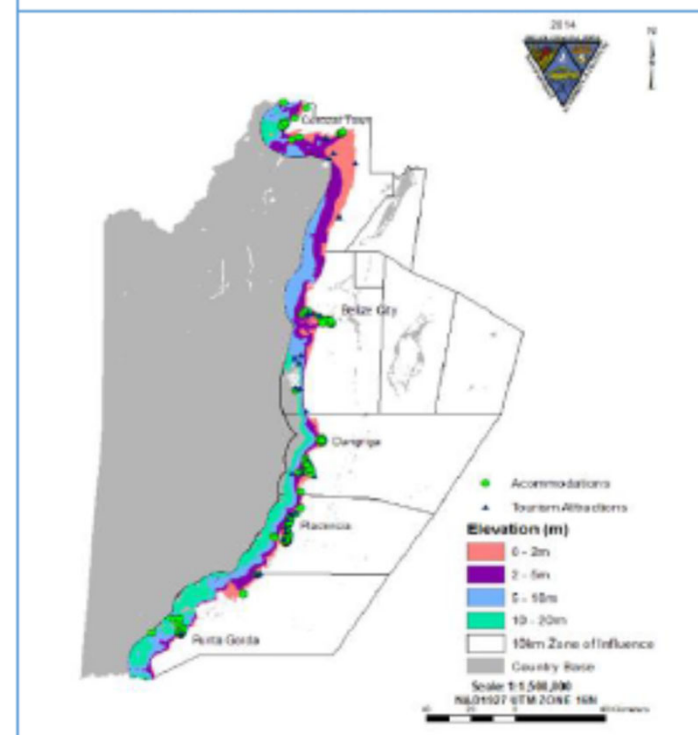


Figure 11. Coastal tourist facilities vulnerable to relative sea-level rise



# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION

Figure 13. Archaeological Reserves



Figure 12. National Protected Areas System

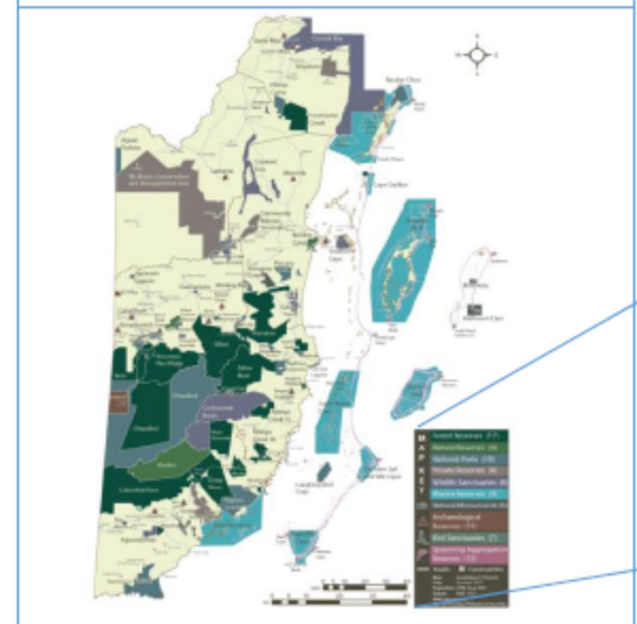
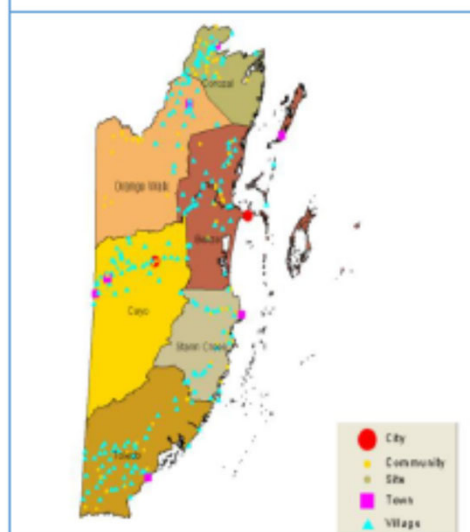


Figure 1. Map of intervention areas of the Program



# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND RISKS

## Potential Positive Impacts

- **Environmental Impacts:**
  - I. Improvement of agricultural techniques;
  - II. Increase in air quality;
  - III. Recovery of fauna and its connectivity;
  - IV. Increase and consolidation of vegetal covers;
  - V. Decrease in the loss or deterioration of aquatic systems;
  - VI. Decrease in the contribution of pollutants.

# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND RISKS

## Potential Positive Impacts

- **Social Impacts:**

- I. Increase in income of MSMEs due to new socio-productive activities;
- II. Improvement of production systems by increasing productivity and competitiveness;
- III. Improvement in the dynamics of associativity;
- IV. health protection;
- V. increased employment;
- VI. Improvement of productive systems;
- VII. improvement of economic activity and greater participation of the vulnerable population;
- VIII. improving post-harvest techniques;
- IX. improving cultural practices, and;
- X. increasing specialized jobs.

# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND RISKS

## Potential negative impacts and risks

- **Impacts:**

- I. Increased pressure for water use;
- II. Contribution of pollutants;
- III. Pressure towards land-use change.



# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND RISKS

## Potential negative impacts and risks

- **Risks:**

- I. Removing the earth during the construction;
- II. Wastewater (black and gray);
- III. Noise pollution;
- IV. Noise rises;
- V. Generation of liquid and solid waste;
- VI. Generation of gray and domestic wastewater;
- VII. Affectation by air pollution;
- VIII. Increase in migrations and territorial dynamics;
- IX. Impact on beneficiaries' health due to work accidents;
- X. Vulnerable groups will expect to participate.

# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT AND RISKS

## Potential negative impacts and risks

- **Other associated risks:**

- I. land speculation;
- II. possible cross-border effects;
- III. monitoring the socio-environmental component.

# **SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

**With the execution of agricultural activities, construction of infrastructure, and equipment assembly in the Program components, negative impacts require socio-environmental control measures.**

## **CONSTRUCTION STAGE**

### **➤ Increased pressure due to water use**

- Training and Sensitization in Integrated Management of Hydrographic Micro-basins
- Micro-watershed Management Plan
- Coordination of actions to identify and protect aquifer recharge areas
- Protection of springs and buffer zones

### **➤ Pressure toward land-use change**

- Awareness and environmental training in care and management of the forest and biodiversity;
- Include in the Farm Plans the territorial planning that avoids land use change from forestry activities to crops or pastures.

# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES

## ➤ **Generation of expectations of the vulnerable population**

- Develop a strategy for the inclusion of vulnerable groups;
- Establish community support networks and care systems;
- Meeting sessions of traditional knowledge and CSA;
- Equity protocols for distribution of benefits and outreach campaigns

## ➤ **Increase in migrations and territorial**

- Equal working conditions protocol

## ➤ **Contribution of pollutants**

- Prevention and control of contamination with liquid substances.

## ➤ **Soil removal during construction**

- Solid Waste Management Plan

## ➤ **Wastewater generation**

- Liquid Waste Management Plan

# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES

## OPERATION STAGE

### ➤ **Noise rise**

- Noise Management Plan

### ➤ **Generation of liquid and solid waste in the operation stage**

- Solid Waste Management Plan

### ➤ **Generation of gray and domestic wastewater**

- Liquid Waste Management Plan

### ➤ **Affectation due to air pollution in the operation stage**

- Management Plan for emissions and air effects



# SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES

## CLOSE STAGE

- **Generation of solid waste resulting from work closure activities**
  - Solid Waste Management Plan
- **Generation of particulate elements due to work closure**
  - Management Plan for emissions and air effects
- **Generation of solid liquid waste resulting from work closure activities**
  - Liquid Waste Management Plan
- **Work accidents**
  - Equipment management training
  - Security training

# **ESTABLISH AND MECHANISM TO REGISTER AND ADDRESS CONCERNS, GRIEVANCES, AND CLAIMS**

**Grievance mechanism provides a means to address and resolve requests for information, questions, comments, concerns, and suggestions for project improvements as early and expeditiously as possible.**

**The specific objectives of the complaints and claims system include:**

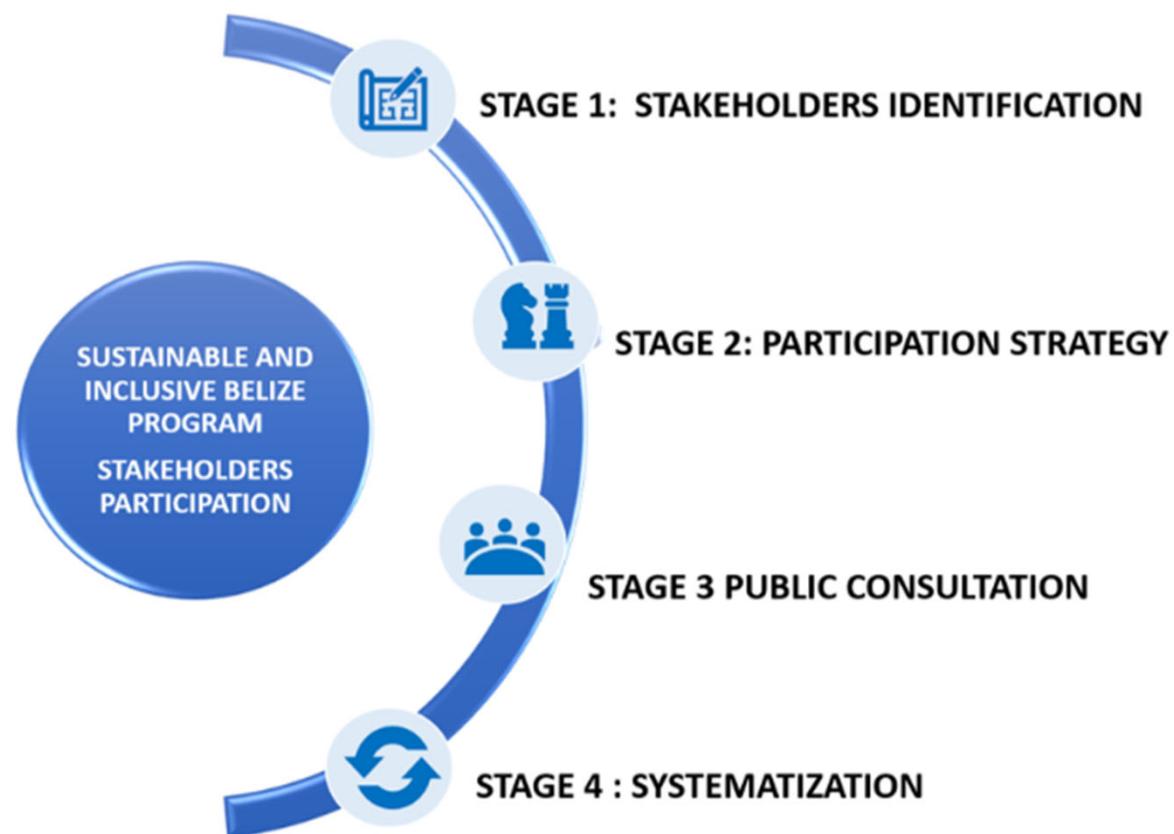
- Facilitate the attention of requests, complaints, and claims by implementing efficient administrative care systems that respond satisfactorily to the problem raised reasonably.
- Raise requests to complaints and claims by the affected and interested population through agile tools.
- Prevent complaints and claims from reaching judicial instances through the prompt response in case of information and the immediate investigation in case of requiring greater detail for their resolution.
- Have an application and a database that facilitates records and allows monitoring of the internal management carried out from the presentation of requests, complaints, and claims.
- Monitor the system of care to implement corrective actions when applicable.

# STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

## OBJECTIVES:

- To establish a systematic approach to stakeholder engagement that will help the Borrower identify stakeholders, especially project-affected people, and build and maintain a constructive relationship with them.
- To assess the level of stakeholder interest in and support for the project and to enable stakeholders' views to be considered in project design and environmental and social performance.
- To promote and provide the means for effective and inclusive engagement with project-affected people throughout the project's life cycle on issues that could potentially affect or benefit them from the project.
- To provide stakeholders with accessible and inclusive means to raise questions, proposals, concerns, and grievances and allow Borrowers to respond and manage them appropriately.

# CONSULTATION PROCESS - STAGES



# CONSULTATION PROCESS

**To be done with key actors of the Program in regional events:**

- **Group 1: Small farmers, members of agricultural groups, owners, and employees of MSMEs** (potential beneficiaries);
- **Group 2: Vulnerable Groups** (includes the participation of Women, Youth, Afro-descendants, Migrants, LGBTQI+, and People Living with Disabilities - LwDs)
- **Grupo 3: Indigenous people** (Maya and Garifuna)
- **Group 4: Support organizations for the agriculture and tourism sectors** (supporters of the value chains. Agriculture: Wholesalers; Agro-processors; Retailers. Tourism: Tour guides, tour operators, hotel representatives, and cruise ship representatives);
- **Grupo 5: Institutions** (representatives of government institutions);
- **Grupo 6: Other interest groups** (commercial banks, the government-owned Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and credit unions. universities, research groups, NGOs)



# CONSULTATION PROCESS

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**Stakeholders shall participate in the Public Consultation Events under the following guiding principles:**

- Start in the early phases of the project
- Be Inclusive
- Have resources for its execution
- Be Transparent
- Be Fair
- Prior information
- Be Respectful
- Be Reliable
- Be Meaningful
- Provide for its systematization

# CONSULTATION PROCESS

## NEXT STEPS THE CONSULTATION PROCESS:

- **Conduct Regional Consultations events Face-to-face** with key groups to be conducted in the month of August 2022 in Punta Gorda, Corozal, Toledo and Dandriga, with participatory methodology.
- **Systematization of all doubts, contributions and demands** raised during the event.
- **Virtual meetings** and to share planning and results and advances in the program.

# THANK YOU