

INCREASED PROSECUTION CAPACITY, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT REPORT 2012



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## Annual Project Report (APR)

Name of the country: BELIZE

Project number (Atlas): 00081473

Project name: Increased Prosecution Capacity, Community Leadership and Youth Engagement.

DGTTF edition (year): 2012

Implementation period: MARCH 2012 – DECEMBER 2012

### PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Outcome under strategic plan 2008-2011	areas UNDP	Purpose and expected output	Activities undertaken	Results Achieved	Reasons if progress below target
1. Efficient and Effective Governance Structures that work at all levels of the state		1. Reduce the exclusion of youth in discourse on access to justice & human rights.	<p><b>1. A PROGRAM FOR LIFE AND WORK SKILLS TRAINING DEVELOPED FOR YOUTH ON REMAND</b></p> <p>1.1 Life skills training activities conducted for youth on remand at the Wagner's Youth Facility and the Angels Youth Hostel to. Youth participate in activities on building Self-Esteem Conflict Resolution Anger Management, and sport competencies to reduce their vulnerability to crime and violence.</p> <p>1.2 Refurbished wood work lab at the National Prison (Kolbe Foundation)</p> <p>1.3 Training in wood craft conducted with youth on remand as an outlet for income generation.</p>	<p>1. Youth on remand equipped with life skills training that enable effective re-entry into the community after being released from prison.</p> <p>2. A fully functional facility equipped to offer youth at risk with access to skills building opportunities.</p> <p>3. Wagner's Youth facility at the National Prison providing employment skills training for youth on remand.</p>	<p>1. Completed with target achieved</p> <p>2. Completed with target achieved.</p> <p>3. Completed with target achieved; activities ongoing.</p>

	2. A systematic process for the sharing of technical information and practices among stakeholders of the CJS in relation to youth.	2.1 Coordination of project activities and strategies 2.2 Project Board meetings conducted to provide space for discussion on the implementation of the project and its impacts.	1. Collaboration and partnerships among key government and non-government organizations to jointly address project issues. 2. Development of a referrals network for the identification of resource persons within the system and who can provide expertise for training to youth.	Ongoing. Overall progress of project is impacted by the limited human resource capacity at the Community Rehabilitation Department, severely delaying the implementation of planned activities.
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## RESOURCES UTILIZED IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

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DGTTF resources: \$45,129.48

Other resources (as applicable; please state sources of funding and amount):

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE—MAIN CHALLENGES

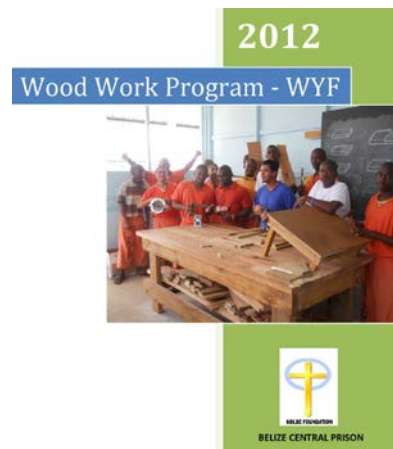
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While this project was developed on the premise of significant support from other partners in the CJS, significant changes in the various organizations influenced the completion of critical activities in the reporting period. For instance, the following constituted major set-backs during this period:

1- ABA ROLI closed its office in Belize in 2012; as a result, a key potential consultant body who could carry out the training for the officers of the criminal justice system as identified by the project in its development stage negatively affected the conduct of key activities related to both outputs one and two of the ProDoc.

2 – The British High Commission’s Criminal Justice Advisor Office has not yet been re-assigned though this office remains the lead resource in the creation of a youth justice manual. This process was therefore not conducted. It is expect was not identified, hence delaying manual development.

3 - A lag in project activities occurred because of the unavailability of the project manager located in the partner Ministry owing to annual vacation and out of country appointments for a large part of the 2012 implementation period.



## PROJECT PERFORMANCE—MAIN OPPORTUNITIES

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Please list the main opportunities which have been the key enabling factors to support the implementation of the project to date.

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- The National Prison provided tremendous facilitation along with the Community Rehabilitation Department in the provision of life skills training to youth on remand at the Wagner’s Youth Facility and the Angel’s Youth Hostel.
- The project board proved instrumental in identifying potential consultants to carry out some the major project activities. They constitute senior officials in the CJS who are willing and committed to the project outcomes. PEB meetings provided valuable recommendations for project implementation in 2013.
- Dedicated youth training facilitators provided youth on remand with vocational training that build employable skills to establish the foundation for the young men to find meaningful work as well as building additional skills in self-esteem, patience, cooperation, a positive work ethic and other important, practical life skills

### RATING ON PROGRESS on PARTNERSHIPS

Please describe the level to which the DGTTF project has thus far contributed to strengthening partnership with different stakeholders and tick the boxes as appropriate:

	Strengthened	Somewhat Strengthened	Unchanged
1. Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Civil society:			
a) Academia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Unions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Religious organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) NGO/CBOs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. UN system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Other Int.organizations (like IMF, ADB, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### SUPPORT FROM HQ/REGIONAL BUREAUS/REGIONAL SERVICE CENTRES

Please briefly indicate the nature of support requested and received from HQ, Regional Bureaus, Regional Service Centers, DG-net.

None.

## GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Has your project contributed thus far to gender mainstreaming? If so, please elaborate.



It is recognized that young men in Belize, particularly Belize City are both the victim and perpetrators of crime in Belize. The project recognized that a focus on providing young men on remand prosocial opportunities is key to reducing the rate of recidivism and vulnerability to crime and violence. The targeting of this marginalized group in Belizean Society is a, a conscious effort to ensure that young men on remand, were given lifeskills and employability skills training.

In the identification of youth who would receive training in the law and the rights, the project has elaborated that both young men and women will be recipients of this training.

Additionally, the recognition that predominantly single, female headed households are a common fixture in Belize merit project focus on a training session on youth right and laws for parents( particularly mothers) .

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