

2015

Sustainable & Child Friendly Municipalities Initiative



***Sustainable and Child Friendly
Municipalities of Belize***

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Executive Summary

The collaborative effort between UNICEF, UNDP, The Belize Mayor Association and the Ministry of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development for the Sustainable and Child Friendly Municipalities Initiative (SCFM) saw the initiative take flight of its own in 2015 as municipalities gathered together to claim ownership. This year the initiative set out to:

1. Create an awareness of child friendly models within the local government– in this regard a workshop was conducted where the members for the Mayor’s Office as well as the Mayors got a deeper understanding of the framework for establishing child friendly cities.
2. Build ownership – Development of Municipal Technical Steering Committee (TSC). To ensure that members of the community are involved and aware of the commitment made by the municipality and for them to claim ownership.
3. Children Participation – The cornerstone of SCFM without children participation there is no progression as such each municipality created a Child Advisory Body (CAB).
4. Generation of Action Plans – Based on a list of Domains and Indicators TSC in conjunction with CAB developed a list of activates that would move municipalities into being Child Friendly.

During 2015 the project steering committee conducted eight (8) planning meeting.

First Quarter

The year started with a lull as a result of the expected Municipal election which was scheduled for March 4, 2015. As a result of this upcoming election a joint effort with the University of West Indies was taken on where plans would be set in place to create awareness of the CRC as well as a Child Friendly City via a debate or a forum by all mayoral candidates. Over the course of 3 weeks planning meetings were held to determine all the details of the debate/forum. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the debate/forum was cancelled.

Workshop MLLRDNIN

Upon the election of the new mayors the Ministry of Local Government conducted a two day training in which the SCFM initiative was discussed. Mr. Ivan Yerovi and Ms. Kay-De Vaughn both made presentations. Mayors, deputy mayors, city administrators and accountants were all given

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an overview of what was accomplished since the signing of the agreement for the Sustainable and Child Friendly Municipalities Initiative and were provided with the plan for the rest of the year. Positive feedback was received from the new mayors as they expressed interest to carry on with this initiative.

Over the next month Ministry of Local Government conducted a country tour in which each municipalities; Mayor, councilors and senior staff members, were given a detailed presentation



on the SCFM initiative, this information was well received. As the workshop continued it was clear to see that the members from the Town Council took the information that was shared and used it to develop different municipal development projects.

Working Session

Between the months of June and July the project manager along with the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist from UNICEF visited municipalities to set up each Technical Steering Committee (TSC). Every Municipality with the exception of Benque Viejo Del Carmen participated in these working sessions. During each working session each municipality was able to make edits to the TOR's for the Child Advisory Body, Technical Steering Committee, Judging Panel and Certification Process. Following the revision of each TOR, the newly formed TSC began to look at a list of Domains/Indicators to select those that were applicable to their municipality needs.

Advancing SCFM

July 22, 2015 a group of 50 personnel with representation from each municipality which included: Mayors, Rapporteurs, City/Town administrators and members from the Steering Committee attending the SCFM Advancing Child Friendly Municipalities Workshop in Belize City at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza. In partnership with UNICEF Costa Rica Ms. Georgina Zamora the Oficial en Proteccion de la Ninez was sent to Belize to provide us with assistance on the SCFM workshop. Ms. Georgina Zamora gave her two and a half years' experience in Child Friendly environments in Costa Rica.

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Ms. Zamora emphasized that the best resources we have are the people. And that now Belizeans have the opportunity to change their country and people. She started by explaining that the country of Costa Rica is divided in 7 provinces, and provinces are divided in Cantons and have 81 Municipalities. In Costa Rica, 32 Municipalities participated in this child friendly program.



Ms. Georgina Zamora stated that Municipalities are the closest power to the people. And it needs to create the conditions necessary for children development. Municipalities need to identify their priorities and place children in the centre of the agenda. It is very important to decipher what the Municipality can do according to their realities.

Municipalities introduced themselves and briefly commented on what they will be doing at their



Municipalities and introduced the persons involved in the implementation of the program. They then presented and explained their pillars and indicators selected for their SCFMI program. These were already on posters on attached on one

side of the walls of the room.

During this workshop it was emphasized that all this work on:

- Pillars – Developing action plan
- Budgeting – Child Friendly

Based on experience from Ms. Georgina, it was recommended that each municipality be accredited by Pillars and only for that domain.

In order to be accredited in the first stage of the SCFM initiative the following tools must be submitted:

- completed action plan
- CAB established
- One meeting with children
- Establishment of committee
- First child budget

All this should be done by the end of the year, after which accreditation/certification will be done.

GIS MOU:

A draft of the MOU between SIB and the companies (i.e. BEL, BTL, BWS, MOH...) who will provide GIS data for the initiative has been completed. MOU needs to be review by Mr. Perriott before it is sent to the other organizations. It is noted that SIB is unsure that they would like to put their name on the MOU and would prefer if the name of one of the organizations involved in the initiative would be on the MOU. As the organization who will be the warehouse of this data during and after the length of this initiative it is imperative that their name is on the MOU. Based on several concerns that SIB has relating to their role in the initiative Ms. Noralez is to confirm a date with Mr. Perriott for a meeting between SIB and the PSC.

GIS Component for SCFM

Each municipality has been divided up into neighbourhood zones ranging from 5 to 20 zones with the exception of San Pedro and Belize City. Rather than the use of neighbourhood zones for Belize City electoral sectors will be used. San Pedro's evaluation officers need to confirm that neighbourhood zones are accurate based on information gathered from a land use report given to Ms. Noralez. Upon the completion of indicators by each municipality questioners will be developed. Questioners will be specific for each municipality based on indicator selected however those with similar indicators will have the same questions. SIB noted that each municipality will be financially responsible for the issuance of these questioners.

Questioners

Questioners will be created in sectors based on the age of the children. Sectors will be as followed: ages 7- 13, 14-16, 17-18 for children under the age of 7 questioner will be given to parents. It is believed that these children would be unable to answer the questions on their own hence for these reasons parents will be asked to provide the response. Each municipality will be given a specific set of codes that will be placed on the questioners. This code will be used to identify which neighbourhood zone the questioners were given in.

A facilitator's manual will be written by Ms. Noralez and verified. This manual will be used as a guided for those collecting the data. Each municipality will be trained starting the end of October early November. It was determined that a group settings will be used to distribute these questions. Groups are expected to be composed of a minimum of twelve (12) children from each neighbourhood zone. All data should be collected within a period two (2) months.

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CAB & TSC Training

Starting in November a partnership was made with the National Committee for Families and Children (NCFC) to provide training to each municipality on the Convention of the Right of a Child (CRC) and Human Rights. The training started in Punta Gorda where the CAB came together for the morning session and the TSC came for the evening session. In addition to training on the CRC and Human Rights both groups were also training on their roles and responsibilities. The training then proceeded to Dangriga. Dangriga proved to be difficult as only four (4) members for CAB attended the training and only the rapporteur attended the TSC training. A decision was made to postpone this training for a later date in 2016. Orange Walk, Corozal, San Ignacio Santa Elena and Benque Viejo Del Carmen trainings were all a success. Whilst Belize City did provide children for the CAB training, a decision was made by the project manager to not accept the children as CAB members as they will not provide the impact necessary for the initiative. The rapporteur from San Pedro request that the training be pushed to January as the children from the island has left for the Christmas holiday as such their request was accommodated. During this process each municipality designate via a democratic process who will be the president of the CAB.



Punta Gorda Child Advisory Body



Punta Gorda Technical Steering Committee

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San Ignacio Child Advisory Body



San Ignacio Technical Steering Committee



Benque Viejo Del Carmen Child Advisory Body



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Belmopan Child Advisory Body



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Orange Walk Child Advisory Body



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Corozal Child Advisory Body



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Belize City Child Advisory Body



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Dangriga Child Advisory Body



Dangriga Technical Steering Committee



San Pedro Child Advisory Body



San Pedro Technical Steering Committee

Way Forward

2016 looks at the completion of the CRC and Human Resource training with NCFC. Project Manager will work with each municipality to submit necessary documents for certification. Child Friendly Municipal Development Plan (CFMDP) will be created by a consultant for all nine (9) municipalities. CFMDP will start first with Dangriga, San Pedro, Belmopan and San Ignacio Santa Elena. In collaboration with SIB the Database training of the monitoring tool should be completed in the first half of the year along with its training. As well as a training on the Time Out Campaign will be launch in collaboration with UNICEF to training CAB members on their task. Municipalities are expected to work towards the activities in their action plans to make their municipality Child Friendly.

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Annex A:

<p>EXPECTED Intermediate Results AND INDICATORS INCLUDING ANNUAL TARGETS</p>	<p>PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all the activities including monitoring and evaluation activities to be undertaken during the year towards stated Intermediate Results</i></p>	<p>EXPENDITURES <i>List actual expenditures against activities completed</i></p>	<p>RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES <i>For each activity, state the results of the activity</i></p>	<p>PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING Intermediate Results Using data on annual indicator targets, state progress towards achieving the Milestones. Where relevant, comment on factors that facilitated and/or constrained achievement of Milestones including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Whether risks and assumptions as identified in the CP M&E Framework materialized or whether new risks emerged</i> - <i>Internal factors such as timing of inputs and activities, quality of products and services, coordination and/or other management issues</i> </p>
<p>Milestone 1: Municipal Seal Launch and Implemented</p>	<p>Workshop with 9 Mayors, 50 councillors and Admin Staff</p>	<p>\$ 17,108.00</p>	<p>Mayors, City Administrator, councillors, SC members are knowledge of CFC Mayors identified indicators to monitor their progress to the SCFM</p>	<p>A total of 46 personnel were trained from Corozal, Orange Walk, San Pedro, Belmopan, Benque Viejo, Dangriga and Punta Gorda</p>
<p>Indicators: # of person trained # of child friendly municipalities established. # of air time for ADs</p>	<p>Official launch of Municipal Seal in 9 municipalities (including production and Airing of jingle)</p>	<p>\$ 19,100.00</p>	<p>9 municipal mayors agree to work towards SCFM</p>	<p>Official launch was completed mayors signed an agreement to works towards making their municipality child friendly.</p>
	<p>Project Manager (Info.Tech. Office, M/Finance). GOB new pay scale 14 23,220x960-41460 (second point on the scale)</p>	<p>\$ 37,427.40</p>	<p>Project is managed and monitor</p>	<p>Efforts started and will continue through 2016.</p>

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	Administrative cost for support to the establishment of the municipal seal (this is only a tap-up)	\$ 9,450.00	Project is implemented	Efforts started and will continue through 2016.
<p>Milestone 2:</p> <p>Study Tour to a Child Friendly Municipalities conducted and recommendations developed for strengthening Belize's Municipal initiative</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p># of visits</p> <p># of person knowledgeable</p>	Technical Visit to Mexico/ Brazil(to be determined) for 3 government officials		Mayors are knowledgeable of modes of CFC	Efforts started and will be completed in 2016.
<p>Milestone 3:</p> <p>Municipalities are measuring the performance of Actions/interventions</p>	Develop data base and install and institutionalize online monitoring system		Data based is developed	Research for database has begun, training and completion will occur in 2016.
	Customize face			
	Training of 20 data administrators and users			

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<p>towards improvements in quality of life and gender and social inequities</p> <p>Study Tour of Guatemala’s Child Friendly Courts System conducted and recommendations developed for strengthening Belize’s system</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p>Online data base install managed</p> <p># of data administrators and users</p> <p># of reports generating</p>	<p>Data base management and generation and disseminate reports</p>			
<p>Milestone 4:</p> <p>QCFS have established minimum standards for education: preparedness, response, recovery.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <p># of persons participating in conference</p> <p>Work plan / road map established</p>	<p>2-3 days conference on establishing minimum standard for education in emergencies with regional technical support from CDEMA, OCHA and other partners.</p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>Work plan/ road map developed</p>	<p>Efforts started however effective November 2015 NEMO was no longer linked to the Ministry of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development. RWP needs to be adjusted.</p>

