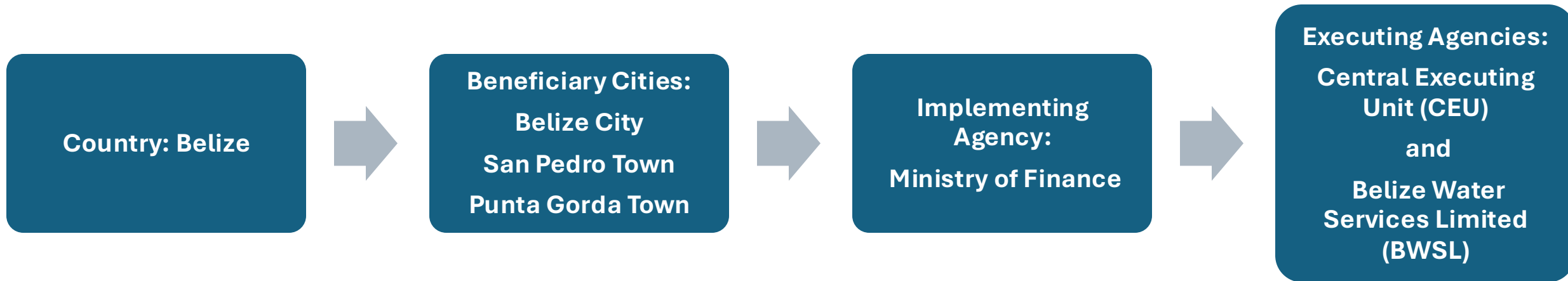


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Belize Blue Cities and Beyond (BBCB) Project



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Project Overview



Project Development Objective (PDO)

Improve Belize's management capacity for sustainable coastal and blue economy development, increase safe water supply and reduce land-based pollution discharges at targeted urban areas and in case of an eligible crisis or emergency to respond promptly and effectively to it.

Component	Estimated Costs (US\$ M)	Financing (US\$ M)			
		IDA	GEF	PROBLUE	GFDRR
Component 1: Policy Development and Capacity Building	17.96	10.35	2.61	4.00	1.00
1.1 Policy Development	2.85	0.24	1.61	1.00	
1.2 Capacity Building	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
1.3 Carbon Market Readiness	3.00	1.00		2.00	
1.4 Blue Economy Investment Program	8.11	7.11			1.00
Component 2: Water, Sanitation and Waste Management	12.30	11.405	0.895		
2.1 Belize WWTP Upgrade	8.80	8.80			
2.2 Expansion of water supply in South San Pedro	1.50	1.50			
2.3 Waste management pilot in San Pedro	2.00	1.105	0.895		
Component 3: Project Management	2.00	1.745	0.255		
Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response	0.00				
TOTAL	32.26	23.5	3.76	4.00	1.00

Component	Beneficiary Ministry/Department
Component 1: Policy Development and Capacity Building	
1.1 Policy Development	- Ministry of Natural Resources Petroleum & Mining (MNRPM) - Ministry of Local Government & Belize City Council - Ministry of Sustainable Development (MSD) - Solid Waste Management Authority (SWAMA) - Hydrology - Department of Environment (DOE)
1.2 Capacity Building	- Ministry of Natural Resources Petroleum & Mining - Belize City, San Pedro Town, Punta Gorda Town and Placencia - Ministry of Sustainable Development - National Climate Change Office (NCCO) - Forest Department (FD) - Ministry of Blue Economy & Marine Conservation (MBEMC)
2.3 Waste management pilot in San Pedro	- Ministry of Sustainable Development - Solid Waste Management Authority
Component 3: Project Management	
	Central Executing Unit (CEU)

Current stage and key milestones with the GEF financing

Approval Date: 31-January 2025

Effectiveness Date: 19-September 2025

Technical studies/consultations: Two procurement processes started

Activities started / completed

- Acquisition of Laboratory Equipment for the Department of the Environment – completed
- Knowledge/Communication Specialist – in progress

Next milestone and expected date

- Contract Award – Knowledge/Communication Specialist by 16-November 2026

Immediate Priorities



GEF financing Packages in procurement process for award Next 6–12 months:

PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3
National Land Use Plan for Belize March 2027 – MNRPM	Design and printing services knowledge products and promotional items on the implementation of Belize's Blue Economy Framework June 2027 – MBEMC	National high resolution satellite imagery for Classification & Internship Experience Exchange December 2027 – MSD/FD
National Geospatial Policy and Legislative Framework for Belize June 2027 – MNRPM	Capacity building, workshops, and training for Belize National Spatial Data Infrastructure (BNSDI) System September 2027 – MNRPM	Mangrove Permanent Sample Plot in the mangrove ecosystems December 2027 – MSD/FD
LiDAR equipment and data processing computers and software, wave and current instrumentation June 2027 – San Pedro	Shoreline monitoring and management plan for San Pedro including training of key staff in shoreline monitoring and management September 2027 – San Pedro	Recycling Pilot Plan Program December 2027 – MSD/SWAMA
Strategic Engagement Plan in global and regional climate processes June 2027 – MSD/NCCO	National Forest Working Group Sensitization Sessions, workshops, capacity building for Forest Department Officers June 2027 – MSD/FD	Automated water quality monitoring stations and hydrology stations for the Department of Environment December 2027 – MSD/DOE & Hydrology
Technical Officer for BSWAMA June 2027 – MSD/SWAMA	Field equipment and gear field equipment September 2027 – MSD/FD	Water Quality Control Plan for Belize December 2027 – MSD/Hydrology
Effluent Discharge Standards June 2027 – MSD/DOE	National Waste Recovery and Recycling Strategy September 2027 – MSD/SWAMA	
National Water Master Plan June 2027 – MSD/Hydrology	Training and capacity building for the Department of Environment Officers June 2027 – MSD/DOE	

Key Challenges

Challenge	Description	Support Needed
Institutional coordination	None	Nothing to report at the moment
Technical capacity	• Delay in submission of draft TORs by stakeholder • Slow pace of Review of TORs by Stakeholder after internal vetting by the CEU. • Failed Recruitment Processes due to strict qualification and experience requirements	Additional technical support to assist technical units in preparing and reviewing TORs, thereby reducing delays and facilitating the timely progression of procurement processes.
Financing / co-financing	No	Nothing to report at the moment
Policy / regulatory	No	Nothing to report at the moment

Other National Activities to support nature-positive, low-carbon, and circular urban development.

Belize City Council:

1. Comprehensive and user-friendly Drainage Geographic Information System (GIS).
 - Re- Installation and New Implementation of the Road Maintenance Management System (RMMS).
 - Training in the use of RMMS tools.
 - Update the data by carrying out a new road inventory of Belize City.
 - Annual Technical Support of the RMMS.
2. Assessment of Current Drainage System & Make Recommendations for Improvements.
 - Data Acquisition and Management
 - Data Analysis and Interpretation
 - Problem Definition and Site Assessment
 - Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis (Conceptual Level)

Punta Gorda Town:

3. Feasibility Study, Detailed Designs and Supervision of Works for the Drainage Network in Punta Gorda Town.

Where GPSC & Partners Can Add Value



Select up to 3 areas and specify the support needed:

☐ Technical assistance

☐ Peer-to-peer learning

☐ Knowledge products / toolkits – tools that will complement and strengthen stakeholder technical knowledge.

☐ Training / capacity building

☐ Expert advisory support

☐ South-South exchange – to strengthen institutional capacity

☐ Financing / private sector engagement - these aspects would strengthen the San Pedro waste management pilot and the findings from the report on private sector participation in waste in Belize.

☐ Monitoring & evaluation

☐ Communications & visibility

☐ Other: _____



Thank you!