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TRANSFORMATION TO AN OPEN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN BELIZE

Establishing an open government ecosystem is critical to improving public safety and governance in Belize. Open Government and Open Data have shown practical gains to advance and achieve transparency and fighting corruption, **but also economic and social development outcomes.** The Trust for the Americas and the Organization of American States (OAS) have been working in Belize in 2018 and 2019, supporting the first steps to Open Government. The "Promoting an Open Government Ecosystem" project enabled various civil society organizations to deliberate and discuss co-creation of policies and learn about modern participatory tools in public administration. An active civil society coalition is key to increase government transparency and accountability.

A new phase of the project will consolidate the open government efforts in the country, providing new opportunities and spaces for collaboration, and setting the ground for Belize to finally take it to the next level.

With this in mind, the objectives of this project implemented by The Trust of The Americas with support of the Department for Effective Public Management of the OAS are to:

01. OBJECTIVE

Broaden knowledge and build capacities of government and non-government actors to co-create and initiate more transparent and efficient public service delivery.

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Trained government officials and non-government actors; including youth.

More quality and quantity

of support mechanisms in national development priorities, activating international support mechanisms.

Empowered Civil Society Organizations

Advocating for national development opportunities

02. OBJECTIVE
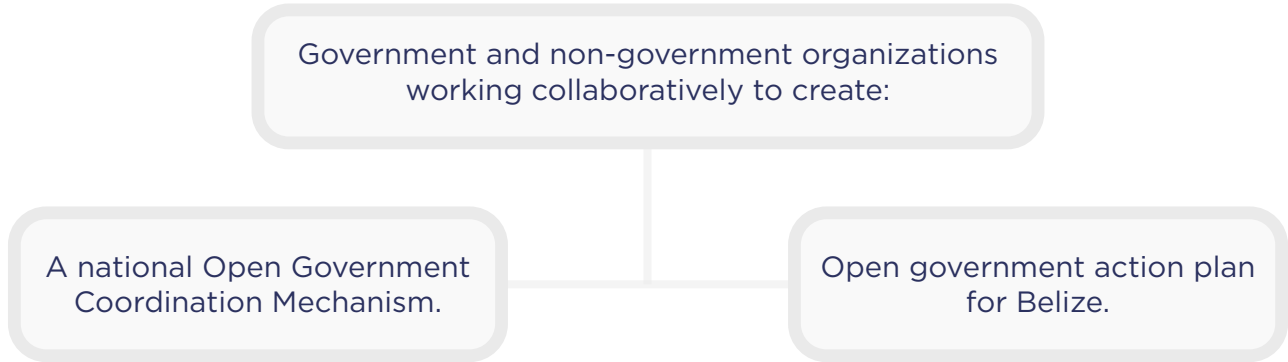
Unleash critically needed collaboration between Civil Society and Government to Improve Transparency and Open Government.

The **expected result** of this objective is the co-creation of an Open Government action plan mindful of improving transparency (through the OGP methodology), increasing collaboration and public understanding of the Government priorities, including civil society groups from across the country.

Government and non-government organizations working collaboratively to create:

A national Open Government Coordination Mechanism.

Open government action plan for Belize.

03. OBJECTIVE

Empower communities through innovation to promote solutions that generate livelihood opportunities and good governance.

The **expected result** of this objective is to encourage innovators from the public sector, civil society and civic tech to explore ideas that combine effective use of Open Data with interactive, location-based mobile applications to create new services and/or revenue opportunities in their communities

01.
Strengthen the innovation ecosystem

02.
Develop more Solutions from within the communities

03.
To Deliver More Services and Opportunities fo the communities

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