Ismael Gonzalez, 1st Place

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GOBelize Launches Its CSE: "Let's Do It Right" Campaign

GOBelize launched its campaign CSE: "Let's Do it Right" on Tuesday April 12, 2016.

The launch was geared towards sharing our research findings with students, parents, teachers and stakeholders. The research, which GOBelize considers a baseline study, reflects the number of high schools in the Cayo District implementing Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and if they are not what tools are the schools implementing.

Present at the launch were representatives from The Department of Youth Services, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, National Committee for Families and Children (NCFC), Plenty Belize/Improving Women's Health in Toledo Project, and the U.S. Embassy; along with representation from Mopan Technical, Alvan Gentle, Eden S.D.A., Our Lady of Guadalupe and Belmopan Comprehensive High Schools.

GOBelize also took the opportunity to award three high school students for submitting the first, second and third place winning videos for the video competition aimed at sensitizing youth on teen pregnancy. **Ismael Gonzalez, first place winner, of Our Lady of Guadalupe High School, Suzzette Salazar, second place winner, and Evelyn Uh third place winner both of Mopan Technical High School**. All three students received a certificate, their cash prize and a gift basket.

Ismael Gonzalez, 1st Place

Suzzette Salazar, 2nd Place

Evelyn Uh, 3rd Place

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GOJoven International celebrated its 10th anniversary in Oakland, California on March 29th, 2016 with a Youth Leadership in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Symposium fiesta. The Symposium featured local and international youth leaders from Public Health Institute Programs and partner organizations. The forum highlighted GOJoven Pioneers, leaders, and supporters who spoke to GOJoven International's successful scale-up and impact. Eva Burgos, Executive Director for GOBelize and a 2004 Alumni, took part in this event. Eva's participation was a key example of the up scaling of the programme.

Galen University Health Fair

On Thursday April 7, 2016 GOBelize participated at a health fair hosted by Galen University, which had participation from the San Ignacio Hospital, Ministry of Health, Herbal Life, Courts Optical Belize and GOBelize. Through this health fair the organization aimed to increase awareness of GOBelize and provide Galen students with information about HIV/AIDS and proper condom usage.

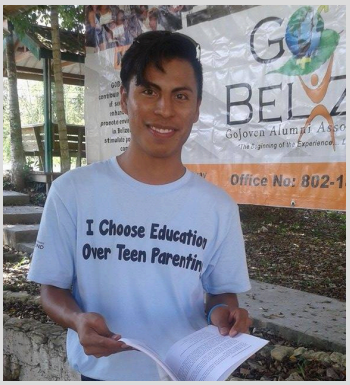
Stakeholders Meetings to Disseminate Research Findings

GOBelize organized and has been conducting stakeholder meetings in Belize, Corozal (April 15, 2016), Orange Walk (April 15, 2016) and Stann Creek District (April 28, 2016) so as to share the findings of a desk research carried out with reference to the implementation of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in High Schools in the Cayo District. Present at the meetings were representatives from the High Schools, such as the Guidance Counselors and Principals, Police Department, Community Rehabilitation Department, Department of Youth Services, Education Department, National Drug Abuse Control Council (NDACC), Women's Department, the media and various ministries. At the end of the meeting each representative was provided with a hard copy of the research.

Corozal Stakeholders' Meeting

Dangriga Stakeholders' Meeting

Two GOBelize Alumni to Attend Women Deliver's Conference



Elmer Cornejo

Women Deliver's conferences are focused on the health, rights and the well-being of girls and women. Building on the successes of Women Deliver's three previous global gatherings—in London in 2007, in Washington in 2010 and in Kuala Lumpur in 2013—the 2016 Conference will bring together world leaders, advocates, policymakers, journalists, young people, researchers and leaders of the private sector and civil society to showcase what it means and how it works when women and girls become the focus of development efforts.

This year the conference will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 16–19 May 2016, Adir Chan, (2014) and Elmer Cornejo (2009), GOBelize Alumni will be participating

Adir Chan

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The PROCCER program's objective is to "contribute to optimizing the quality of care in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of drug abuse, dependency and drug-related violence". The PROCCER Program **is a collaborative effort between the OAS, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, the Ministry of Health, through the National Drug Abuse Control Council (NDACC).**

A total of forty-seven (47) service providers (ranging from the Community Rehabilitation Department, Human Services Department, NDACC, HECOPAB, Police Department and the Belize National Coast Guard), successfully completed the course and received certificates accredited by the University of the West Indies in a small graduation ceremony held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City on Thursday, April 27, 2016.

The program also awarded Errol Longsworth, Outreach Case Officer for NDACC Corozal and GOBelize's 2011 Alumni, along with five other persons were awarded for being facilitators of the six month PROCCER Program.

Errol acknowledges that part of the reason he was selected as a facilitator for the course was because of the aptitude and skills gained in the GOJoven Program.

Upcoming Events

May 24-25, 2016
Gender and HIV Training of Trainers for Police

May 28-29, 2016
SRH Training for Plenty Belize/Improving Women's Health in Toledo

GOJoven Belize Alumni Association (GOBelize) is a Non-Governmental Organization formed by a group of alumni from the Youth Leadership in Sexual and Reproductive Health Program (GOJoven).

The purpose of GOBelize is to contribute to the development of Belize by building youth leadership capacity, improving the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) of young people, and creating awareness for environmental conservation.

Mission: GOBelize commits itself to contribute to increased levels of SRH, enhance leadership skills, and promote environmental consciousness in Belizean youth in order to stimulate positive behavior change and communication in an atmosphere of fellowship.

Visit GOBelize online at: http://gojoven.org/gobelize/

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