

National Food and Nutrition Security Commission (NFNSC)

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Vision of NFNSC

To be an Effective, Competent and Recognized Authority for Food and Nutrition Security in Belize.



Mission of NFNSC

To Coordinate and Advocate with all Sectors of the Economy and other Stakeholders on National Food and Nutrition Security matters, in order to improve the well-being and Quality of Life for all Belizeans.



NFNSC-GOALS

- ✓ **Monitor the Food and Nutrition situation of the country**
- ✓ **Collate and analyze information to assess Food and Nutrition Security in Belize.**
- ✓ **Develop Advocacy and communication tools that promote FNS**



PROGRAM AREAS-NFNSC

- 1. Information, education and communication on food production, preparation and nutrition**
- 2. Diversified food production and processing, marketing, storage and credit mobilization**
- 3. Maternal and childcare, school feeding, school gardens, nutrition for the elderly and the vulnerable & at-risk persons**
- 4. Creation of employment and income generating opportunities at the local level**
- 5. Food Safety**
- 6. Analysis and Reform of National Policies for Food and Nutrition Security**



17 Universal Goals

169 targets



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NATIONAL

PID

- MOE-"NSFTC"
- MOHW
- MHD
- MRD
- MFA
- PCB
- BAHA
- NAB-"BPAHM"
- SIB
- BMDC
- SSB
- COOPS DEPT.
- BCCI
- YCT
- BCS

INTERNATIONAL

PID

- FAO
- UNICEF
- UNDP
- WFP
- IICA
- CARDI
- OIRSA
- INCAP
- PAHO
- CARICOM
SECRETARIAT
- PROGRESAN-SICA
- AMEXCID
- SE-CAC



ACCOMPLISHMENTS-2020

- “Integrated Food Security Phase Classification”- (IPC) With IPC specialist from PROGRESAN-SICA : - (National IPC Committee)
- Development of a National SG Plan with MOECST/MOAFSE/MOHW/UNICEF/PAHO/INCAP
- Sub-committee member on “CARICOM Action Committee on FNS
- Resilient Food Systems & Value Chain Development Committee



- INCAP Workshop:- “Cyber Security”.
- World Food Day (October 16th)
- “Regional Virtual Symposium”: - Healthy Eating in the Pandemic Period, (experiences of Chile, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 36th FAO Regional Conference for LAC- Participant
- Nutrition Education (Training workshop): “Healthy Body, Healthy Minds” - MOE/MOH/INCAP/PAHO/UNICEF.- (Nov 25-27, 2020)



- Acto de Inauguración del LXIII Foro del Clima y el XV Foro Hidrológico de América Central.
- XLII Foro de Aplicación de los Pronósticos Climáticos a la Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional: Perspectivas para: Diciembre 2020 - Marzo 2021
- CARICOM/AMEXCID SF-Focal Point (MOAFSE)
- Mesoamerica Hunger Free Coordinator
- National School Feeding Technical Committee
- Belize Parliamentary Alliance against Hunger and Malnutrition



OBJECTIVES

1. Provide Horticulture/SG/HG training to primary school students/teachers/parents at district & national levels:
MOAFSE/MOECST/MOHW/PIDs
2. Achieving adequate and improved food and nutrition security for Belize



OBJECTIVES

3. Capacity Building/Ongoing trainings will be conducted by PROGRESAN-SICA/MOE/MOH/PID.
4. Information will be collected through different mechanisms such as surveys, questionnaires in respect to FNS



WORK PLAN-2021

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
1. Garden training - ongoing	120 primary school teachers trained	Teachers will develop gardening plans and implement a school garden
2. IPC capacity building (virtual)	20 – 25 participants trained	Engage participants in developing surveys, questionnaires and data collection
3. Collect baseline data to obtain status of FNS in Belize (CARICOM Action Committee on FNS)	Report on FNS by CARICOM Secretariat	A completed matrix to inform the status of FNS
4. Distribution of seeds & gardening items (Child Stimulation month-MOECST)	144 Kinder garden schools nationally & approx. 4,300 preschoolers benefitted	Pre-schoolers received cabbage/lettuce/sweet pepper/tomato seeds. Seed trays and poly mix material.

WORK PLAN-2021

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
5. Nutrition Education workshop- : “Healthy Body, Healthy Minds”.	160 teachers trained nationally over a 3-day period	Accredited Professional Development for Teachers (Includes: Physical activity, Hygiene & Sanitation, Nutrition, Food Safety/Security, and Gardening)
6. Belize Parliamentary Alliance against Hunger and Malnutrition	Reform of Policies	Draft Policy on the “Banning of sugary drinks in primary schools”
7. National School Feeding Technical Committee	SG curriculum	Used in all schools across the country (a 20-minute period in the timetable is recommended).
8. Signature Program Belize (a Fyffes-MOA/MOE/MOH project)	Production of a healthy snack (using Banana flour) in Bella Vista RC & San Juan Bosco-SC	200 school children will benefit in its initial phase.

WORK PLAN-2021

Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
9. Externship-University of Technology, Jamaica	2 student interns (March 1 st to April 2 nd , 2021)	Masters Degree in Public Nutrition Education.
10. International Year of Fruits and Vegetables	To sensitize the wider population on the importance of Healthy eating	Reduce NCDs like overweight, malnutrition and obesity.
11. Attend virtual webinars/forums	Knowledge Information	Professional Growth
12. Inter sectorial collaboration	Strengthened networking and communication	Increased productivity Evidence based results



IMPACTS

- Student/Parent Awareness of Importance of Nutrition Education
- Promotion of Healthy Eating Habits
- Scaling up nationally of school feeding and school/home gardens
- National School Garden Curriculum
- Gardening/Agriculture skills increased
- Capacity building to small farmers for increased production.



ASSUMPTIONS/RISKS

Assumptions	Risks
1. Access to human/financial resources	COVID-19 effects on resources
2. Availability of seedlings	Climate/weather variability
3. Funding of projects i.e., internal/ external	Sustainability
4. Inter-ministerial/ inter-sectoral collaboration	Cooperation/ communication



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