**Working Group # #1 – BELIZE**

**Comprehensive and Effective Protection of Migrant and refuge Children and Adolescents: key obstacles and recommendations per country**

**Objective:** Identify key obstacles and propose recommendations per country

**Methodology:** Representatives fro each country will discuss the key obstacles and recommendations presented in Panel 1. Compare with national realities. Take into account the different vulnerable groups of migrant children and adolescents according to the type of vulnerability. Propose concrete recommendations that include inter-institutional mechanisms and preliminary recommendations to each national

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| **Country** | **Group Participants (name, last names and institutions):** |
| **Key obstacle per group of vulnerability** | **General Recommendations** | **Counter-part institutions** | **Brief implementation proposal (how to put into practice the recommendations)** |
| **Situation in country of origin (prevention)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Identification and documentation** |  |  |  |  |
| **Referral Mechanisms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Protection** |  |  |  |  |
| **Assistance** |  |  |  |  |
| **Return and reintegration** |  |  |  |  |
| **Local integration and resettlement** |  |  |  |  |

**Working Group #2 – by sector**

**Recommendations for the comprehensive projection of migrant and refugee children and adolescents from the perspective of different sectors according to their roles and responsibilities**

**Objective:** identify key obstacles and recommendations per sector

**Methodology:** Representatives fro each sector will discuss the key obstacles and recommendations presented in Panel 1. And panel 2. Compare with national realities. Take into account the different vulnerable groups of migrant children and adolescents according to the type of vulnerability. Propose concrete recommendations that include inter-institutional mechanisms and preliminary recommendations to each national

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| **Sector** | **Group Participants (name, last names and countries):** |
| **Key obstacle per group of vulnerability** | **General Recommendations** | **Counter-part institutions** | **Brief implementation proposal (how to put into practice the recommendations)** |
| **Situation in country of origin (prevention)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Identification and documentation** |  |  |  |  |
| **Referral Mechanisms** |  |  |  |  |
| **Protection** |  |  |  |  |
| **Assistance** |  |  |  |  |
| **Return and reintegration** |  |  |  |  |
| **Local integration and resettlement** |  |  |  |  |

**Working Group #3 – per country**

**Drafting of an Action Plan per Country**

**Objective: Draft an action plan per country to implement key recommendations**

**Methodology**: On the basis of previous discussions, representatives from each country will draft an action plan that would follow up on previous recommendations identified by each country. To the extend possible, the plans will include the different migrant group[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| **Country:** **Belize** | **Group Participants (name, last name and institutions):****Mr. Ivan Williams, Labour Commissioner Labour Department****Mr. George Reynolds, Senior Immigration Officer, Immigration Department – FOCAL POINT.****Ms. Elswith Cheves, Human Development Coordinator, Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation****Ms. Tasha Young, Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs** |
| **Objective of action plan Improve the institutional framework of protection of migrant and refugee children** |
| **Result 1: Reactivation of the Refugee Eligibility Committee** |
| **Strategic Actions** | **Timeline (in months)** | **Counter-part institutions** |
| **Action 1.1 Elaboration of assessment of the situation after 10 years of inactivity of the Committee** | Two months | Labour DepartmentImmigration DepartmentMinistry of Human Development and Social TransformationMinistry of Foreign AffairsUNHCR and its agencies |
| **Action 1.2 Preparation of Cabinet Information Paper recommending the reactivation of the Committee** | One month after the assessment is finished | Same institutions as before |
| **Action 1.3 If approved by Cabinet, appointment of the Secretariat and the other members of the Committee** | Three months after the approval by Cabinet |  |
| **Action 1.4 Process pending applications upon the Committee** | From 9 to 12 months | Refugee Eligibility Committee |
| **Result 2 Bring to the attention of the National Committee for Families and Children (NCFC) the need to focus on migrant and refugee children** |
| **Strategic Action** | **Timeline (in months)** | **Counter-part institutions** |
| **Action2.1 Elaboration of report to the Executive Committee of the NCFC introducing the need to focus on issues of migrant and refugee children** | Three months | Labour DepartmentImmigration DepartmentMinistry of Human Development and Social TransformationMinistry of Foreign AffairsUNHCR and its agenciesIOM |
| **Action2.2 Joint meeting between the Executive Committee of the NCFC and the stakeholders that drafted the report to set up an action plan** | Three months after the submission of the report | Same than before plus the Executive Committee of the NCFC |
| **Action 2.3** |  |  |
| **Action 2.4** |  |  |
| **Result 3 Create a directory for Belize of key stakeholders in the protection of migrant and refugee children within the country and the other countries of the region** |
| **Strategic Action** | **Timeline (in months)** | **Counterpart institutions** |
| **Action 3.1 Collect data of stakeholders within the country** | Three months | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| **Action 3.2 Collect data of stakeholders from the other countries in the region** | Six months | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| **Action 3.3 Compilation and publication of the directory** | 9 months-11 months | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| **Action 3.4 Public presentation of the directory and distribution to key stakeholders** | 12 months | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

1. Niñez no acompañada, víctimas de trata, niñez indígena, niñez migrante trabajadora y niñez refugiada o solicitante de la condición de refugiado. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)