

Belize – Blue Cities and Beyond Project

Country

Belize

EURCa Component

Mainstream Resilience

Amount approved

€1,015,000 / \$1,070,000

Duration

01/2025 – 12/2027

Context and Objectives

Belize has embraced the concept of the blue economy and attached high importance to the conservation and sustainable use of its ocean and coastal resources. At the same time, rapid, uncoordinated urban development and severe climate-related shocks pose significant challenges to the development of these assets and the disaster and climate resilience of urban communities and infrastructure.

The objective of this project is to enhance the capacities of the Government of Belize to prioritize and develop investment proposals for critical disaster and climate resilient infrastructure and prepare for, respond to, and recover from

emergencies and disasters. The project also aims to support the identification, feasibility, and design of critical green and gray infrastructure investments, with a particular focus on nature-based solutions.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Recipient-executed: Resilient infrastructure and DRM investment program

This activity assesses disaster and climate impacts on project sites in Belize City and San Pedro and identifies and designs resilient infrastructure and climate adaptation solutions to manage disaster and climate risks.

Expected Results:

- Enhanced capacities of relevant sectoral authorities and DRR practitioners to mainstream disaster and climate risk in sectoral strategies, policies, plans and investments.
- Improved preparedness, response and recovery measures, infrastructures and capacities of national and subnational authorities and local communities to respond to emergencies and disasters.
- Enhanced capacities of the competent authorities in understanding, developing and using disaster risk financing instruments and strategies.

Bank-executed: Implementation support

Activities include supporting the Project Coordination Unit with the preparation of Terms of Reference, the design and execution of capacity-building activities for strengthened project management capacities, the execution of technical training activities, and technical expert support as needed.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment; the Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management; and the



National Emergency Management Organisation. The project team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Jamaica, and its technical office in Belmopan, Belize, including through the EUROCLIMA program.