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Anti-Trafficking in Persons Symposium

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The Ministry of Human Development, Families, and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs in partnership with the Human Trafficking Institute, today, conducted an Anti-Trafficking in Persons Symposium. The purpose of the event was to strengthen the operational elements and collaboration among the various government ministries and agencies relating to anti-trafficking efforts.

Participants renewed their commitment to the needed strengthening of networking and gained a better understanding of how to carry out their efforts.

Key stakeholders who are instrumental in the operational elements of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Council were present, including personnel from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Belize Police Department, Ministry of Human Development, Immigration Department, Ministry of Labour and Local Government, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The council's focus is to strengthen collaboration and coordination across government ministries and departments for greater efficiency and effectiveness in combating human trafficking.

The Government of Belize expresses its deep appreciation to the Human Trafficking Institute for facilitating this successful symposium.

Human trafficking continues to be a challenge both globally and locally, and the government reiterates its commitment to fighting against human trafficking in Belize.

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