



## *LAUNCHING CEREMONY*

### *“Building Climate Change Resilience and Social Integration of Displaced People in Settlements of Western Belize”*

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The general objective of this project is to support displaced persons in migrant settlements to become productive members of their host communities and participate in furthering their common resilience, socio-economic growth, and sustainable development, thereby preventing the need for further displacement. In line with CFP thematic areas 3 on integrated service delivery and 5 on addressing disaster and climate related human mobility, this project proposes the following activities:

- Constructing approximately 3 miles of drains and placement of 10 culverts in the Community of Billy White, where approximately 50 households become flooded every year, and approximately 1 mile of drain and 2 culverts at Los Tambos community primary school, which is used as a hurricane shelter for approximately 100 persons.
- Equipping four settlements surrounded by pine savannahs and threatened by forest fires with one fire bowser outfitted with fire fighting equipment. This will benefit approximately 1,550 displaced people from four settlements
- Establishing emergency response teams and fire fighting brigades (90 persons) in six settlements and building their capacity through training on disaster risk management, search and rescue and fire management to ensure sustainability.
- Upgrading two (2) primary schools in Los Tambos and Billy White used as hurricane shelter and building three (3) hurricane shelters in the settlements of Duck Run 1, Duck Run 3 and Santa Familia during natural disasters. Approximately 500 of the most vulnerable and displaced



people including women, children, senior citizens, and the poor will benefit directly from sheltering in these facilities in events of disasters.

- Upgrading the water systems to meet Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Standards (WASH) for ~ 3,350 residents of Billy White, Los Tambos and Santa Familia.
- Establishing a polyclinic in Duck Run 1 to service this community and neighbouring Billy White, Duck Run 2, Duck Run 3, and Los Tambos. The facility will be equipped with basic furniture, medical equipment, and supplies and benefit ~ 5,180 residents of these settlements, especially displaced persons with limited access to health services (women, children and elders).