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# Investment Phase: Progress update

## Belize

### July 2025

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Systematic Observations  
Financing Facility

**Weather  
and climate  
data for  
resilience**



## General Information

<b>Country</b>	Belize	
<b>Implementing Entity</b>	IDB - Inter-American Development Bank	
<b>Agreement effectiveness date</b>	31 January 2025	
<b>Duration</b>	36	
<b>Anticipated end date</b>	<b>31 January 2028</b>	
<b>Reporting period</b>	<b>From:</b> 01 January 2025	<b>To:</b> 30 June 2025
<b>Approved amount</b>	IDB: \$805,710.00 WMO: \$58,832.88	
<b>Disbursed amount</b>	0.00 USD	

## Summary

SOFF in Belize is currently in the preparation stage for first disbursement, with key administrative and recruitment steps underway. The [operation was approved](#) by the IDB on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and signed by the Prime Minister on May 20<sup>th</sup>, following a delay in the finalization of the framework agreement between IDB and UNDP. A [launch event](#) was held shortly thereafter, and the project is now focused on meeting the conditions for first disbursement. These include the recruitment of a project manager by the National Meteorological Service and the completion of administrative requirements, such as opening a dedicated bank account and identifying authorized signatories.

The project manager position was advertised on July 3, with applications closing on July 25. While recruitment remains a challenge in Belize, it is the hope that a candidate will be on board by end of August. In parallel, the team is updating the Terms of Reference for key activities to ensure that, once the project manager is in place, the kick-off meeting can be held, and procurement processes can begin without delay.

## Progress of implementation

Output	Indicator	Target			Actual			Status	Milestones achieved	Challenges and risks
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3			
1. GBON institutional and human capacity developed										
1.1 <b>National consultations</b> , including with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders conducted	# of Gender, Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) training	1						Not yet started		
	# of workshops for CSO		1					Not yet started		
	# of consultation with Ministry for Blue Economy and private sector stakeholders			1				Not yet started		
	% female participation in the stakeholder workshops	50	50	50				Not yet started		
	Incorporation of GESI consideration in the NMS Strategic and Operational plans	x						Not yet started		
	Compliance with gender assessment guidelines		x					Not yet started		
1.2 <b>NMHS institutional capacity</b> required to operate the GBON network developed	Terms of reference, including key performance indicators for the recruitment of project officers	x						Achieved	ToR for project manager finalized and role currently being advertised.	
	Recruitment of project officers	x						On-track	Project manager role currently being advertised.	Project managers are scarce in Belize and delays in finding the right person is a risk.
	# of project officers	2						On-track		The roles were merged between project manage and procurement to offer competitive package.
	Review of the project officers KPIs and update as required		x	x				Not yet started		
	Identification and commission leadership and management training opportunities	x						Not yet started		

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1.3 <b>NMHS human capacity</b> required to operate the GBON network developed	# of senior electronics technician completing networks and system administration training.		1					Not yet started		
	# of trainings for NMS Belize senior management team.		1					Not yet started		
	% of electronic technicians completed training in calibration, maintenance of observation systems and instruments and site safety		50	100				Not yet started		
	% Of female participants		50	50				Not yet started		
<b>2. GBON infrastructure in place</b>										
2.1 <b>New land-based stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A				Not yet started		
2.2 <b>Improved land-based stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	2						Not yet started		
2.3 <b>New upper air stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A				Not yet started		
2.4 <b>Improved upper air stations</b> and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A				Not yet started		
<b>3. Sustained compliance with GBON</b>										

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3			
3.1 <b>GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed</b> , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan			2				Not yet started		
3.2 <b>GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed</b> , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan			1				Not yet started		