



Investment Phase: Progress update

Belize

January 2026

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
and climate
data for
resilience**



General Information

Country	Belize	
Implementing Entity	IDB - Inter-American Development Bank	
Agreement effectiveness date	21 May 2025	
Duration	36	
Anticipated end date	21 May 2028	
Reporting period	From: 01 July 2025	To: 31 December 2025
Approved amount	IDB: \$805,710.00 WMO: \$58,832.88	
Disbursed amount	11,499.99 USD	

Summary

The SOFF operation in Belize has now transitioned from preparation to early implementation. A key condition for first disbursement was the recruitment of a project manager, which proved to be the main bottleneck during the preparation phase. The position was initially advertised in July; however, the recruitment process had to be restarted as none of the candidates who applied met the required criteria, resulting in delays. This process has now been successfully completed, and the project manager is officially on board.

A formal kick-off meeting was held during the first week of December, with the UK Met Office participating in person in Belize. Following this meeting, a clear and agreed procurement plan has been established, and implementation activities are now moving forward.

The first disbursement was completed in January 2026 to cover expenses until the end of the fiscal year in Belize, March 31st 2026. Expenditures are projected to peak in 2026, with approximately USD 550,000 planned for the year, and most procurement processes expected to launch early February 2026.

Looking ahead to 2026, the main implementation risks relate to procurement complexity and logistics. A significant share of the planned activities relies on international procurement processes, including specialized technical services, equipment, and expertise not readily available in the local market. This may result in longer procurement timelines, potential delays in contract award, and increased coordination requirements with international suppliers and partners. These risks are being mitigated through early procurement planning, close coordination with the executing agency and flexibility wherever possible.

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 National consultations , 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 NMHS institutional capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Terms of reference, including key performance indicators for the recruitment of project officers	x						Achieved		
	Recruitment of project officers	x						Achieved	Project officer onboarded.	
	# of project officers	2						Achieved	Project officer onboarded. 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				On-track		
	Identification and commission leadership and management training opportunities	x						Not yet started		

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1.3 NMHS human capacity 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				On-track		
	% Of female participants		50	50				Not yet started		
2. GBON infrastructure in place										
2.1 New land-based stations 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 Improved land-based stations 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 New upper air stations 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 Improved upper air stations 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		
3. Sustained compliance with GBON										

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		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y1	Y2	Y3			
3.1 GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed , 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 GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed , 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		