

# PROFESSIONAL & GATEKEEPERS

## FINANCIAL

## CRIME IN BELIZE

PREVENTING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS IN BELIZE

FACT SHEET FOR BELIZEAN  
JOURNALISTS

# INVESTIGATING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS

*Professional gatekeepers such as lawyers, accountants, financial advisors, and real estate agents can be used to hide illicit funds.*

*Those who abet criminals to launder money, evade taxes, and hide corruption are professional enablers.*

## TIPS FOR COVERING FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY IN BELIZE



**FOLLOW THE MONEY**



**MONITOR CASES**



**COLLABORATE WITH GLOBAL NETWORKS**



**ENGAGE WHISTLEBLOWERS**

**Belize has historically been used for offshore financial secrecy. The Panama and Pandora Papers exposed Belize as a hotspot for offshore financial crime.**

1. *The Panama Papers and Belize*. 7News Belize (2016, April

4)<https://www.7newsbelize.com/sstory.php?nid=35863>

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## WE CAN COMBAT ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS (IFFS) IN BELIZE THROUGH INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM!

### CROSS-REFERENCING

Cross-check Belize's Beneficial Ownership Registry (BOR) with international leak databases like the ICIJ Offshore Leaks ([offshoreleaks.icij.org](http://offshoreleaks.icij.org)).

### REQUESTING BELIZE BO DATA

Get Beneficial Ownership Data from regulators like the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

### REAL ESTATE DEALS

Look for potential signs of money laundering in high-value property sales.

### CONNECTING THE DOTS

Chart and document the associates, business partners, family members of persons and entities who are "known" to be involved in illegal financial flows.

### USE TOOLS AND RESOURCES

International Consortium of Investigative Journalist to find out who is behind more than 810,000 offshore companies, foundations and trusts.