

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>

2. https://fiubelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/FIU-Public-Communique-on-ICIJ-Reports_-Pandora-Papers_-Final.pdf

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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).

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.