

International Standard for Archival Description

- 1.1 Reference code** UNHCR 28
- 1.2 Title** Records of the Office in Belize
- 1.3 Dates of creation** 1989-1997
- 1.4 Level** Fonds
- 1.5 Extent (quantity)** 1.2 m
- 2.4 Immediate source of acquisition** The records were transferred from the office in Belize to UNHCR Archives in January 1999.
- 3.1 Scope and content**
- The records consist of reports, memoranda, statistical data and correspondence created or received by UNHCR Belize. The records are particularly rich in sociological and statistical data relating to refugees in Belize. The records contain an overview of the refugee situation in Belize, in a paper entitled “Diagnosis and Strategies for Durable Solutions” that was prepared by UNHCR Belize in 1989 for CIREFCA (International Conference on Central American Refugees).
- The records include correspondence and drafts relating to the participation of UNHCR Belize in the formulation of domestic refugee legislation.
- Statistical data in the records include a report from the Belize Council of Churches (1991) and information on the refugee population in Belize from 1992. A survey of banana workers at Stan Creek includes information on work force composition.
- UNHCR Belize participated in the PRODERE regional programme of technical cooperation aimed at identifying and supporting feasible, developmental and participatory responses to the problems experienced by people displaced by social conflict. This programme was administrated by UNDP in cooperation with the government of Belize and with funding provided by the government of Italy. UNHCR was responsible for the legalization component of the PRODERE sub-programme in Belize. A 1991 report on the PRODERE programme contains extensive background information on the economic, health, educational and social situation in the country. It further outlines the problems of the target communities and the specific role of PRODERE and its relation to UNHCR. Studies in Spanish include a mission report from the UNHCR/PRODERE mission in Stan Creek, Belize, and a report entitled “La situacion de los ninos refugiados en Belice” (UNHCR, Mexico, 1992).
- The material also includes .36 linear meters of documentation regarding voluntary repatriation.
- 3.3 Accruals** Accruals are not expected.
- 4.1 Conditions governing access** Records are subject to the General Restriction Policy of the UNHCR Archives
- 4.2 Conditions governing reproduction** Records are subject to the Copyright Policy of UNHCR
- 4.5 Finding aids** File unit list available
- 7.3 Date of description** 21 January 2002