



## PathLight Overview

PathLight International is a faith-based, not-for-profit, non-government organization founded in 2007. PathLight's vision is to empower children in Belize to receive a quality education, break free from poverty, and reach their God-given potential. PathLight does this through two interconnected programs:

1. **Teacher Training:** This program supports and trains teachers in Belize through year-round workshops, onsite support and mentoring, teaching resource centers, literacy and numeracy interventions, and summer teacher training conferences, affirmed by and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education in Belize.
2. **Education+:** This program provides students with full-spectrum, wraparound support that includes mentoring, tutoring, academic and personal counseling, character formation, and full financial support, to ensure the most in-need students have a fighting chance to reach their God-given potential.

PathLight's work is grounded in a cohesive set of core values that drive the organization's mission: Christian living, humility in service, personal and strategic relationships, ethnic and cultural diversity, listening to communities, adaptability, and excellence.

Through its investments in children's education, PathLight's efforts have been having a multiplier effect. PathLight helps Belize achieve its goals articulated in Belize's Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS, 2016-2020). By educating children, improving teacher education, and supporting school infrastructure, PathLight contributes to reducing adolescent pregnancy, increasing literacy, and reducing youth recruitment into gangs. This contributes to citizen security and makes cities more sustainable while simultaneously increasing literacy and building skills for employment and sustainable livelihoods of the most vulnerable adolescent males and females in Belize.

On January 7, 2019, after twelve years of proven, dedicated and results-based programming, PathLight and the Ministry of Education in Belize, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This MOA provided a formal mechanism for strengthening collaboration and coordination with the Government. This public-private partnership has led to the implementation of joint teacher training and literacy development programs and the establishment of teacher resource centers across the country. In August 2019, the Ministry of Education publicly endorsed PathLight's scholarship model. The model provides a complete wraparound service that enables marginalized young men and women to access a high school education in Belize.