



Published on *Management Sciences for Health* (<http://www.msh.org>)

[Home](#) > [Belize](#)

Region

- [Latin America & Caribbean](#) [1]

In Belize, USAID|PASCA LMG worked with the National AIDS Commission of Belize (NAC), as well as in partnership with organizations of key populations and the private sector.

USAID|PASCA LMG helped local groups in Belize to successfully advocate for important policy changes, including:

1. Abolition of the the Sodomy Penalty Act (art. 53 of the Criminal Code), that promoted stigma and discrimination towards key populations. USAID|PASCA LMG supported the implementation of an advocacy strategy with other key partners. The Sodomy Act had been a barrier to access to health services for key populations[1] [2] [2] [3] and access to HIV prevention and care for people living with HIV.
2. Structural changes in the HIV legal framework[3] [4] [4] [5] and increased participation in mechanisms such as the National AIDS Commission. USAID|PASCA LMG provided technical assistance to at least five local organizations to participate in advocacy and evidence-based policy dialogue that was needed to successfully lobby for these changes.

Source URL: <http://www.msh.org/our-work/country/belize>

Links

[1] <http://www.msh.org/regions/latin-america-caribbean>

[2]

file:///C:/Users/jmarion/Documents/Synchronized%20Files/Website/Countries/MSH%20External%20Website-%20PASCA.docx#_msocom_1

[3]

file:///C:/Users/jmarion/Documents/Synchronized%20Files/Website/Countries/MSH%20External%20Website-%20PASCA.docx#_msocom_2

[4]

file:///C:/Users/jmarion/Documents/Synchronized%20Files/Website/Countries/MSH%20External%20Website-%20PASCA.docx#_msocom_3

[5]

file:///C:/Users/jmarion/Documents/Synchronized%20Files/Website/Countries/MSH%20External%20Website-%20PASCA.docx#_msocom_4