

DigiWallet Partners with UNICEF to Empower Belizeans Towards Financial Freedom

Cash Plus Nutrition Initiative Provides \$600,000 to 12 Belize Villages

Belize City (October 31, 2023) – DigiWallet, Belize's premier digital wallet and payment solution provider, is proud to announce the expansion of its collaboration with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to facilitate a cash disbursement for its Cash Plus Nutrition Project. The project, spanning a total of six cash payments made through DigiWallet, includes a significant \$600,000 distribution in 12 villages in Toledo district's high-prevalence areas for stunting. It targets families with children under five years and pregnant women to improve their nutritional status from October 2023 to March 2024. This initiative underscores the importance of financial independence and freedom in ensuring the well-being of children and communities.

Through its secure and user-friendly platform, DigiWallet plays a pivotal role in facilitating funds to these villages, empowering families to access the resources vital for their children's survival and development. By fostering financial inclusion, DigiWallet is driving the vision of a more financially independent and empowered Belizean community.

UNICEF is committed to improving the lives of children and families globally. In Belize, UNICEF's primary health care intervention targeting migrant and host communities serves a critical strategy for addressing child malnutrition and promoting improved health outcomes for mothers and children on the move in underserved areas. The initiative is implemented in partnership with the Ministries of Health and Wellness, Human Development Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, and Agriculture, Food Security, and local enterprises to provide multisectoral intervention to improve maternal and child nutrition outcomes. The financial assistance is in line with the Government of Belize nutrition policy which recommends strengthening linkages between social protection and nutrition to improve maternal and child nutrition outcomes.

Ivan Tesucum, CEO of DigiWallet, expressed his enthusiasm about the expanded collaboration, stating, "Through our partnership with UNICEF, DigiWallet is actively working to create an inclusive digital ecosystem that empowers every Belizean. We are proud to be part of this initiative, which aligns with our mission to promote financial independence and accessibility for all."

"Our work with DigiWallet is instrumental in ensuring that families on the move and vulnerable communities in Belize have access to essential resources for improved well-being," said Alison Parker, Belize Representative for UNICEF. "DigiWallet's commitment to empowering these communities through innovative digital solutions is a crucial step towards fostering resilience and buffer the most vulnerable from shocks."

This collaboration underlines DigiWallet's dedication to fostering financial independence and inclusive digital solutions in Belize. Building upon the existing partnership with UNICEF, this initiative represents a significant stride in providing vital humanitarian cash transfers to vulnerable communities, particularly migrant children and families. DigiWallet remains committed to driving positive change and fostering sustainable development, working hand in hand with UNICEF and other partners to ensure the well-being of those most in need.

For more information about the Cash Plus Nutrition Project visit [Unicef.org/Belize](https://www.unicef.org/Belize).

