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### TIDE HOSTS TECHNICAL WRITING SEMINAR FOR STAFF MEMBERS

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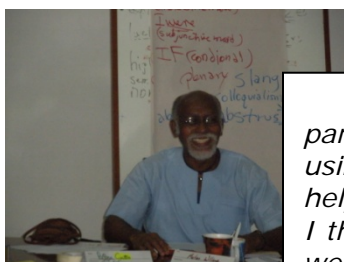
Thirteen Staff members of the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment, TIDE, took part in a three days writing skills seminar. The seminar is being facilitated by Joey Belisle of the Belize Institute of Management. "Specifically it has to do with the introduction to technical report writing. We felt that this was a particularly useful area for the staff especially the rangers at TIDE. The aim of the course actually is to facilitate members of the staff who are not professional in their qualifications, but they are employees who need to do certain things in their jobs duties



and part of it include writing a technical report. So we thought we would address their interest. Basically the focus point includes helping them to decide when to write the appropriate reports at the appropriate level of technicality. We also got into some outlining of how to outline a report having the first draft and discuss some of the elements of the outline. In order to reinforce

that kind of skills it also helps them to summarize certain kinds of content when they write their draft. They also learned how to summarize and then edit in order to bring out the organization of the report in a more readable or technical pattern rather than sounding like an essay or a composition."

Celia Mahung Executive Director of TIDE says that they invest in capacity building for their staff and Belisle was very pleased to assist: "TIDE works continuously at building the capacity of their staff and recently we had 8 rangers completing a law enforcement training in Belmopan and this week thirteen of our staff members are taking part in this technical writing seminar through BIM."



Joey Belisle, Facilitator from Belize Institute of Management: *"The other part of course was seeing if we could make use of some of the formats they are using already; the weekly formats and the nursery report. And then clearly we helped them to develop a set amount of grammatical usage of the language, which I think they found very useful because a lot of them left school some time ago and were able to clear the cobweb by avoiding repetition when they write or the sequencing of their paragraph. This afternoon they will be taking on visual aids so that they can use visual aids to enhance the quality of their report writing."*

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