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# Nicaragua exceeds 100% compliance in National Vaccination Drive

09 May

Vice President Rosario Murillo released the results of the National Vaccination Campaign in Nicaragua, which concluded on Sunday.

"Yesterday we closed the National Vaccination Drive. We had 11 thousand vaccination posts set up all over the country, at schools, community workshops and fairs, health clinics and hospitals. Thirty-four thousand outstanding people participated throughout the country, mobilizing to vaccinate against 17 diseases. We achieved 100.10% compliance yesterday... It was a heroic achievement towards the protection of our people and we remain dedicated to go forward with protection [measures], to protect our health, to guarantee our education, to guarantee our rights, and to guarantee the [public] works that are the fruit of love and reason all over the country... impressive roads, bridges, road repairs, streets in the municipalities, and social housing [projects]", she said.

Regarding the epidemiological situation, she announced that there were 15% fewer cases of pneumonia reported this week.

In dengue cases, Nicaragua had 9 times more in relation to the previous week and in malaria 7% less.

She also informed that "tomorrow we begin construction of the protective wall of the España Hospital in Chinandega. This week we will also begin construction of the regional hospital of Zelaya Central, in Nueva Guinea".

The Vice-president also thanked "the Japanese Embassy, through UNICEF, for the donation to the Ministry of Health of equipment for keeping medicines and vaccines cold, including refrigerators, ice boxes and coolers, protecting the vaccines we receive for delivery to the population".

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:127896-nicaragua-alcanzo-mas-del-100-de-cumplimiento-en-la-jornada-nacional-de-vacunacion>



## Nicaragua appeals for combating desertification and drought

10 May

At the High-Level Summit of the 15th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Nicaragua urged the international community to combat desertification and drought and reminded Member States of the duty to treat our Mother Earth as a limited and precious natural capital, and to press hard for the restoration of Mother Earth's ecosystems. The Conference was held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on 9-10 May 2022.

During the Opening, the President of Côte d'Ivoire, Alassane Ouattara, declared: "Our Summit must be one of hope, of collective mobilization of States and development partners in favor of land and forest restoration initiatives in our countries.

The High-Level Segment was also chaired by Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly, Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and was attended by Heads of State and Government, Ministers and delegations from different levels representing 197 nations.

The Summit concluded with the adoption of the Abidjan Call, which calls for the highest priority to be given to the problem of drought and reinforces the commitment to achieve land degradation neutrality by 2030.

The Nicaraguan delegation at COP15 on desertification, also participated in several side events on Gender, the role of youth in land regeneration and sustainability; changes in production patterns and consumption habits and drought resilience, sharing Nicaragua's experience in placing gender at the center of the fight against climate change and in ensuring equal access of women and indigenous communities to the management of land resources.

Nicaragua was represented by Mr. Mohamed Lashtar, Minister Advisor to the President for Foreign Policy and Attention to African and Arab Countries, Ms. Guisell Morales, Ambassador of Nicaragua to the United Kingdom who attended the Conference in Abidjan, and Mr. Javier Gutiérrez, Secretary for Climate Change of the Office of the President and Vice Minister of MARENA who attended the Conference virtually.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.tn8.tv/nacionales/nicaragua-insta-a-combatir-la-desertificacion-y-la-sequia/>



## Eighty-six percent of Nicaraguans approve of Anti-Poverty Plan

11 may

According to data from the M&R Consultores polling company, 85.7% of Nicaraguans approve of the National Plan to Fight Poverty and for Human Development implemented by the Sandinista Government. This is reflected in the SISMO Public Opinion Monitoring System, issue No. 68, of the first quarter of the year 2022.

"In the evaluation of the Government's management of President Daniel Ortega's proposal to defeat poverty in the country, 85.7% of Nicaraguans approve of this plan", said Raúl Obregón, Director of M&R Consultores.

The survey was conducted from April 22nd to 29th of this year. Persons surveyed were in the age range of 16 years and above and included both sexes. It had national coverage, including the 15 departments of the country and the 2 autonomous regions with 144 sampling locations.

"The basic services that any Government should provide to the population are well grounded. Specifically, on the subject of roads, the poll showed an almost 85 % approval rating [among Nicaraguans] for the improvements that have taken place in terms of roads", expressed Obregón.

The survey also shows that 80.5% of Nicaraguans consider that human rights are respected in the country, and that 83.5% of the families feel that the current Government guarantees and works for the common good of the population.

Likewise, 71.2 % of those surveyed recognize and approve of the management of President Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua.

"There is an enormous satisfaction in terms of the management of the Government, a high approval rating; other governments in Latin America wish they had the level of approval that the Nicaraguan government has, the political sympathy and the support that the Sandinista party has among the population," pointed out Representative Adolfo Pastrán.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/86-7-por-ciento-de-los-nicaraguenses-aprueba-plan-de-lucha-contra-la-pobreza/>





## BCIE reaffirms support for the construction of low-income housing in Nicaragua

12 May

In the coming months, a new phase of the National Social Housing Construction Program, approved by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (known by its acronym in Spanish as BCIE) in 2020, is expected to begin.

The total amounts to 171.65 million and is expected to benefit 7,000 families in conditions of extreme poverty through a subsidy scheme. An additional 11,660 families with low or moderate income are also expected to benefit through a subsidy and credit system administered through one or several bank trusts.

The multilateral financial institution reported that this initiative has already benefited more than 11,000 Nicaraguan families.

The impact and direct benefit that families receive from acquiring a safe and dignified roof over their heads was confirmed by BCIE representatives during a visit to six housing complexes and projects located in the main sectors where the program is being implemented in the country.

"As the Bank of Central Americans, we are very pleased that this initiative is achieving its objectives and, in this regard, we can say that the project execution in Nicaragua has

surpassed our projections, since by the end of 2021, we have registered physical progress with some 11,025 new and improved homes, which represents 100% of our goal. The actual execution to date stands at 13,067 new, improved or under construction homes, equivalent to 118.5%," said BCIE Executive President, Dr. Dante Mossi.

The houses built have a minimum area of 36.0 square meters, a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and plumbing system, as well as environmental permits so that their sustainability will be in keeping with the country's current environmental regulations.

The BCIE has allocated US\$ 55.0 million in funding to implement this initiative. The program is being executed by the Nicaraguan Institute of Urban and Rural Housing (INVUR), with the participation of private sector housing developers, construction companies and banking institutions.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/bcie-reafirma-apoyo-para-construir-viviendas-de-interes-social/>



## President of UNAN-Managua highlights advances in Nicaraguan higher education at conference

13 May

"Achievements in Education: Strengthening Higher Education in Nicaragua" was the title of the presentation offered by UNAN-Managua Chancellor Ramona Rodríguez Pérez at the third meeting of the Permanent Forum on Higher Education in Nicaragua organized by the Vice Chancellor's Office for Teaching and the Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann Center for Development Studies (CEDMEB) in a hybrid format.

According to the Rodríguez, the process of evolutionary transformation of education in Nicaragua has helped to strengthen the collaboration between the MINED, CNU, INATEC and SEAR subsystems, all of which are committed to an educational model centered on the person, family and community and to ensure wider coverage and access, while ensuring the permanence and success of young people as they are incorporated into the economic, social and cultural life of the country.

### Restitution of the right to higher education

Rodríguez also emphasized the restitution of the right to higher education, which must include a roadmap to guarantee the professionalization of youth in rural areas, and exposed about the emblematic University Program in the Countryside (UNICAM).

UNICAM's purpose is to train professionals who promote the well-being [buen vivir] of their families and communities. Since 2020, the universities of the National Council of Universities (CNU) have a presence in 60 municipalities and in the two autonomous regions with a student enrollment of 10,000 in the fields of health, education, rural development, tourism, renewable energies, agriculture, and administrative accounting, among others.

The provost, in turn, referred to other issues such as the participation of academia in spaces that help boost the country's economy, in keeping with the strategies promoted by the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity (GRUN); the transformation of the curriculum and steps to guide university activities (signing of agreements, virtual education, internationalization, quality management, equity and interculturality).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.unan.edu.ni/index.php/cedmeb/rectora-de-la-unan-managua-destaca-en-conferencia-avances-de-la-educacion-superior-nicaraguense.odp>



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