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Monday, 11 July 2022

A total of 505 new healthcare facilities have been built by the Sandinista government in the last 15 years, said Dr. Martha Reyes, head of MINSA, on Monday.

The official highlighted the construction of hospitals, health centers and health posts, as well as MINSA facilities that provide specialized services.

Reyes recalled that in 2007 there were only 1,091 health units in Nicaragua, while today there are 1,596.

"We currently have a total of 11 national reference hospitals, 7 regional hospitals, 12 high-tech healthcare centers where endoscopy, ophthalmology, diabetology, hearing and speech therapy, addiction centers, and cytology centers provide specialized care," said Reyes.

The head of the Ministry of Health mentioned that since 2007, 22 hospitals have been built, including 19 primary hospitals, 1 departmental and 2 national hospitals; 17 health centers, 454 health posts. In addition, 81 maternal homes were built bringing them to a total of 131.

We have a total of 51 homes for people with special needs, to attend our elderly, people with chronic diseases, 18 training and natural medicine centers, 188 natural medicine clinics, the national cytology center, 3 epidemiology laboratories in different departments of the country, a clinical center for people with HIV and 33 different work sites that include warehouses, an ambulance center and other important installations," added Dr. Reyes.



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Nicaragua: National Assembly approves credit to curb fuel price crisis

Tuesday, 12 July 2022

The National Assembly, at the request of the President of the Republic Daniel Ortega Saavedra, approved a credit agreement between the Government of Nicaragua and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) for 200 million dollars, which will be used to finance the implementation of a temporary support program to address the fuel price crisis in the international market and in Nicaragua.

This agreement between CABEI and the Ministry of Finance was signed on 29 June 2022, for an amount of US\$200 million. During the plenary discussion, Sandinista legislator José Figueroa reminded members of the Assembly that the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity has kept the increase of international fuel prices in check through a subsidy policy implemented in hydrocarbons and, as a result, transportation tariffs and other services and products have been stabilized.

Congressman Wálmaro Gutiérrez described the approval of the loan with CABEI as good news, because it helps to maintain stability in the macro-economy and will guarantee a subsidy policy which has proven beneficial in reducing poverty and extreme poverty.

He added that the loan will have a multiplying effect in benefit of the family economies of Nicaraguans, since it makes prices of all [consumer] products more stable.



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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:130150-asamblea-nacional-aprueba-credito-para-frenar-crisis-de-precios-de-combustibles>



Nicaragua, the only Latin American nation in the Top 10 for Gender Equality

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Nicaragua, ranked 7th, and Germany (both with 80.1%) are the new entrants in the World Economic Forum's top 10 for closing the gender gap in 2022, while Lithuania (79.9%, 11th) and Switzerland (79.5%, 13th) dropped out this year.

The list is topped by Iceland (90.8%); Finland (86%, 2nd); Norway (84.5%, 3rd); New Zealand (84.1% 4th); Sweden (82.2%, 5th) and Rwanda (81.1%, 6th). Following Nicaragua in eighth place are Namibia (80.7%); with Ireland (80.4%) and Germany (80.1%) in 9th and 10th place, respectively.

The annual report, released Wednesday, states that the global gender gap has closed to 68.1%. At the current rate of progress, it will take 132 years to reach full parity, according to the Forum.

Latin America and the Caribbean ranks third among all regions, after North America and Europe. The region has closed 72.6% of its gender gap. At the current rate of progress, Latin America and the Caribbean will close the gap in 67 years.

However, within the region, only six of the 22 countries indexed in this edition improved their gender gap score by at least one percentage point since last year.

By 2022, the global gender gap has closed to 68.1%. At the current rate of progress, it will take 132 years to reach full parity. This represents a slight improvement of four years compared to the 2021 estimate (136 years to parity). However, it does not compensate for the generational loss between 2020 and 2021: based on trends to 2020, the gender gap was to be closed in 100 years.

In the 146 countries included in the 2022 index, the gender gap in health and survival has closed by 95.8%, educational attainment by 94.4%, economic participation and opportunity by 60.3%, and political empowerment by 22%.

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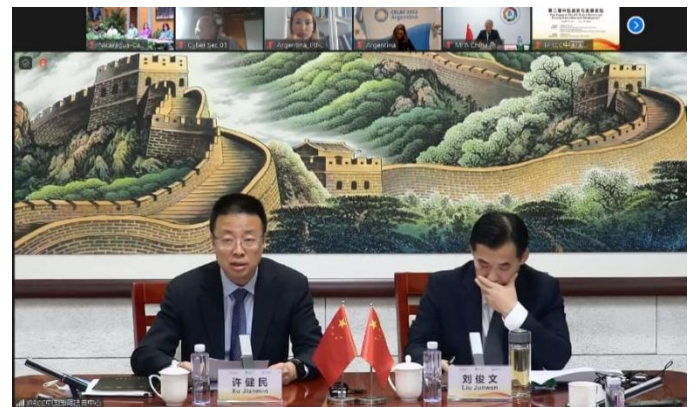
Thursday, 14 July 2022

Nicaragua participated in the Second CELAC-China Forum on Poverty Reduction and Development, organized by the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), in charge of Argentina, and the People's Republic of China.

During this Forum, the Deputy Director General of the International Poverty Reduction Center in China, Li Xin, and the Director General of the General Affairs Department of the National Rural Revitalization Administration of China, shared China's experience in poverty reduction through the implementation of plans and strategies focused on urban-rural integration, revitalization of urban areas, comprehensive development of the countryside and the use of digital technologies. In addition, they conveyed China's willingness and interest in strengthening cooperation mechanisms with Latin American and Caribbean countries, increasing the exchange of experiences and sharing best practices for poverty reduction.

Different representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean shared the measures implemented by their countries to reduce poverty and develop urban and rural areas.

Mr. Iván Acosta, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, shared at the Forum, the strategies employed by the Nicaraguan Government under its National Plan to Combat Poverty and for Human Development, which has contributed to a reduction in poverty through measures aimed at promoting the integral development of the countryside and city and by providing better access to digital technologies.



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<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/07/14/nicaragua-participa-del-foro-celac-china-sobre-reduccion-de-la-pobreza-y-desarrollo>



The indisputable performance of President Daniel Ortega

Friday, 15 July 2022

On the eve of the commemoration of the 43rd anniversary of the Sandinista Popular Revolution and in the face of a hostile campaign launched by Washington's intelligence agencies, the government administration of President Daniel Ortega continues to attract widespread popular support.

This is what a recent survey carried out by M&R Consultores revealed. This past Wednesday, M&R Consultores released the details of a detailed investigation on the new administration of the Sandinista government. The result of their field work reveals that 77.3% of the population support the work being carried out by President Daniel Ortega, and 80% affirm that the government's management generates hope in the future.

We should not lose sight of the fact that in recent years the destabilizing campaign of the US government, together with the more radical sectors of the opposition, generated economic and social disturbances which, however, did not prevent holding elections and the installation of a new government administration under the presidential ticket of Daniel Ortega-Rosario Murillo.

The importance of continuity in the revolutionary process, is that it provides greater stability to the popular project and a strengthening of social policies, essential to address the international crisis, in both its public health and economic aspects.

Nicaragua has demonstrated that having a State at the service of the people is essential at a time when inequality and inequity in the management of society's resources dramatically show the [harmful] consequences of neoliberal policies that have left millions of people around the world destitute.

While the imperialist propaganda tries to defame the "Trident of Evil in Our America", Cuba-Nicaragua-Venezuela, the peoples of these sanctioned and blockaded governments, can count on tools that not only guarantee them the ability to face the onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic in all its variants and mutations, but also to solve basic needs to continue the struggle to improve their living conditions.

The data revealed by the sample presented are eloquent: 67.9% of those interviewed say they are politically sympathetic to the FSLN, compared to 16.8% who feel sympathy with the opposition. This shows that the hate speech and resentment have not penetrated the hearts of those who know how to value the achievements obtained after a fratricidal war encouraged by the US to remake Nicaragua into a miserable and forgotten colony.

On this 43rd anniversary of the Sandinista revolution, Our America is shaken by the struggles in Ecuador and Panama that resist the impositions of neoliberal governments that insist on emptying the pockets of the workers to bear the burden of the capitalist crisis.

In our region the confrontation between the popular project and the neoliberal project has become antagonistic and the existence of alternative projects that offer other possibilities from the popular and revolutionary camp, encourage hope and strengthen the peoples' struggle.



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