



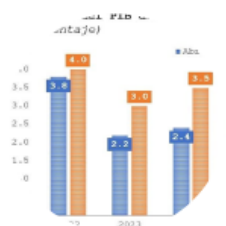
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Monday, 10 October 2022

The Government of Nicaragua, through the National System for the Prevention, Mitigation and Attention to Disasters (known by its Spanish acronym SINAPRED), sent a food caravan to El Rama and roofing materials to Bluefields and Corn Island, areas affected by the passage of hurricane Julia.

Dr. Guillermo González, Minister Director of SINAPRED, informed that the Plan Techo, [which provides sheets of corrugated zinc] is for approximately 1,500 families affected by the natural phenomenon, most of which are going to the city of Bluefields.

The food that is going to El Rama contains 2,500 packages, to assist 12,500 people affected by the passage of Julia, in that area.

"It is very important to inform our people that our President, Daniel Ortega, and Vice President Rosario Murillo, have instructed us to initiate a process to support the families affected by Hurricane Julia", he informed.

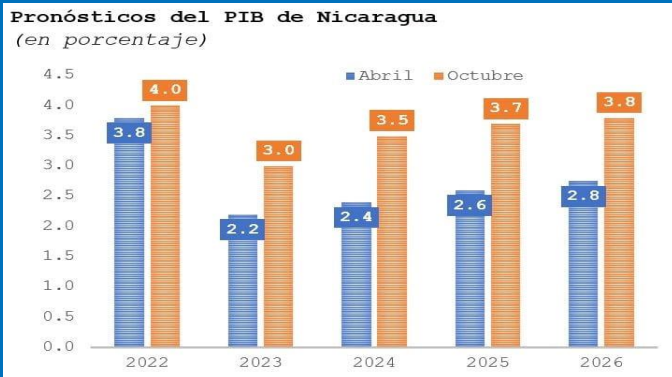
The process started this Monday, 10 October, with the dispatch of the first caravan of food and roofing for the families of the Southern Caribbean.

"This caravan has two important components. First, it carries almost 1,500 sheets of corrugated zinc for families in the municipality of Bluefields and Corn Island. We are going to move forward with the delivery of these sheets of zinc for the families affected by the hurricane; but we are also going to begin a process of support for families in the municipality of El Rama that were strongly affected, perhaps not as much by the winds as Bluefields and Corn Island, but with heavy rains that generated a series of floods that caused the families to take refuge quickly", informed the Minister Director of SINAPRED.

Dr. González said that the caravan has the support of the World Food Program (WFP), an organization that always provides support to the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity, in solidarity and, above all, during critical moments such as those that occurred this past weekend with hurricane Julia.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133188-gobierno-de-nicaragua-envia-alimento-y-plan-techo-a-zonas-afectadas-por-el-huracan-julia>



IMF says Nicaragua's GDP will grow consistently

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) upgraded the growth forecasts for Nicaragua's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) over the next 5 years in a consistent manner.

According to the recent publication of the IMF's October WEO (World Economic Outlook) on GDP forecasts for Central America, this economic indicator shows an improvement, which goes against the regional dynamics, where the revision was primarily downward.

The IMF's new forecast for the global economy is well below average, as global economic growth averaged 3.6% between 2000-21. In fact, the 2.7% expansion expected in 2023 is the weakest since the 2.5% recorded during the 2001 global slowdown, with the exception of the 2008 financial crisis and the pandemic-related crisis.

In its analysis, the IMF has revised downward its 2023 forecasts for 143 economies, which account for 92% of global GDP. However, despite the downgrade, the institution does not currently envisage a decline in global GDP or global GDP per capita in its baseline scenario.

However, a contraction in real GDP lasting at least two consecutive quarters is anticipated sometime during 2022-23 in about 43% of economies, which account for more than one-third of global GDP, the Fund warns.

In the case of advanced economies, the IMF's new forecasts anticipate GDP growth of 2.4% this year, a tenth less than forecast in July, but a sharp slowdown in 2023, when activity will increase by 1.1%, three tenths less than previously forecast.

For their part, emerging economies will grow by 3.7% each year in 2022 and 2023, which implies an improvement of one tenth of a percentage point in this year's forecast, but a reduction of two tenths of a percentage point for next year.

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<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/fmi-dice-que-pib-del-pais-crecera-de-forma-consistente/>



Nicaraguan Government provides preliminary assessment of the impact of Hurricane Julia

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Ministers of the Cabinet of the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity held a meeting with representatives of the United Nations cooperation agencies, where Nicaraguan officials provided a preliminary assessment of the impact of Hurricane Julia, after its passage through Nicaragua.

Denis Moncada Colindres, Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs, thanked the representatives of various United Nations agencies for their presence at the meeting, and conveyed the message of President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

"The objective of the meeting is very concrete and precise. It is an introductory meeting, rather preliminary; fellow cabinet members present here are going to exchange preliminary data on the effects of Hurricane Julia in Nicaragua, share them with the representatives of the cooperation agencies. You are aware that in such situations there is always a very basic phase with initial information, we might say preliminary, to share with you so that you have the data that is gradually being collected, although very dynamic in our case, to have an estimate of damages and reach preliminary conclusions", he explained.

Iván Acosta, Minister of Finance and Public Credit stated that his agency is responsible for the quantification of damages and losses, as well as the type of assistance required by the population affected by the passage of hurricane Julia through Nicaragua.

He mentioned that the greatest damages are in infrastructure, which account for 60 percent of the damages. "We are talking about roads, electric transmission system, distribution network system, infrastructure of the Health and Education networks, and there we are quantifying the [physical] damage. And then we have what we call the social sector. Essentially, we are focusing on housing, what we call the private sector, and a little bit of fishing infrastructure, that is, what has to do with artisanal fishing", he added.

Acosta said that the preliminary damage, after the passage of hurricane Julia through Nicaragua, "if we were to measure what is a preliminary assessment, it would be between US\$ 160 and 200 million dollars. This is a very significant figure based on initial data because I would like to remind you that [damages from] Eta and Iota reached 990 (million dollars),

which was 8.5 of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). Now already, based on preliminary calculations, it is more than 1.5 percent of the GDP".

The finance minister pointed out that this [initial] data is prompting them to carry out a more specific and thorough analysis to ensure that we will have more conclusive data with more details between Monday and Tuesday [next week].

"What we are doing from the Commission that has to do with the management of financing and cooperation, we have activated with the multilaterals, we have an insurance, a contingent loan with the Inter-American Development Bank; once activated, the contract is a done deal and what follows is an evaluation, a validation that says how much the insurance component should cover. We are making arrangements with the World Bank, with CABEI. The same is being done by the Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the United Nations System to be able to assist [in providing] the necessary attention [services], and there has been an effective response to address the situation", he announced.

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit expects the Government of Nicaragua will receive a robust response, because one of the most important issues is to restore the living conditions of the population, creating better conditions that are aligned with our entire climate strategy, because Nicaragua is repeatedly impacted by the effects of climate change.

"We as a Government are committed to the recovery of economic conditions, of living conditions, to the reconstruction of damaged [infrastructure] and, at the same time, to create, what we want is to help so that our people can return back to normal, as quickly as possible, which is what gives them peace of mind and ensure that they are able to produce, to mobilize and to [re]build their family and community conditions," he said.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133296-gobierno-de-nicaragua-brinda-informacion-preliminar-sobre-consecuencias-del-huracan-julia>



Nicaragua to launch national reforestation campaign after hurricane Julia

Thursday, 13 October 2022

Vice President Rosario Murillo announced that as part of the actions implemented by Nicaragua after the passage of Hurricane Julia, a national and local reforestation campaign will be launched.

"Here we are moving forward in the days after, transcending, this hurricane that was so damaging, especially to the nature and that is why we are programming, projecting and launching in the upcoming days, I think we can be ready by tomorrow afternoon, to launch a national and local reforestation campaign to restore that beautiful nature of ours, its colors, its greenness and its vitality", she said.

She added that "all institutions of the Nicaraguan State, organizations, associations, mayors' offices, youth movements, should work to reforest our sacred land, to keep it full of vitality because it gives life, vitality, to all of us. We will be informing you tomorrow about the

ceremony to launch this national green campaign, the "I love you green", from our blessed, loving and always free Nicaragua".

In turn, Compañera Rosario informed that a new caravan will be leaving today with sheets of corrugated zinc for the families of the communities of the South Caribbean Coast. "We are going accompany the departure from SINAPRED of this new caravan of good cargo, we are talking about roofing for communities in the South Caribbean of our country, and we will be there to say goodbye to our colleague Xóchitl Cortés, co-director of Sinapred", she mentioned.

She added that "we want to send greetings to the delegation of Dr. Gonzalez who is in El Rama, as well as delegations of United Nations organizations that are visiting and evaluating the damages caused by the floods in this

beautiful place, which is always impacted by these weather events".

She also pointed out that 97.71% of the electric energy has been reestablished after the passage of hurricane Julia "and we still have to reestablish, according to Salvador Mansell's report, 2.29%, that is, 35,485 families, to whom we send our greetings, and we ask for your understanding.

Enatrel's crews are hard at work. We know that it is difficult to be without energy and that many things are affected, but we are getting there and with great faith, God willing, in the next few hours we will be able to completely reestablish electricity, including on the Caribbean Coast where 9,572 families are still waiting for it to be restored."

She indicated that in El Rama and La Esperanza the affected wells have been put back into operation and we were able to guarantee the supply of drinking water. "We are cleaning two other wells to put them into operation with new electric generators and then, God willing, today in the afternoon we will reestablish 100% of the installed capacity".

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133316-nicaragua-lanzara-campana-nacional-de-reforestacion-tras-el-paso-del-huracan-julia>



Nicaragua and Colombia to strengthen diplomatic relations

Friday, 14 October 2022

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denis Moncada Colindres, received this Friday morning the ambassador of Colombia, Leon Freddy Muñoz Lopera, who submitted his letter of credence, thus assuming his official duties in the country.

Moncada welcomed the diplomat and reaffirmed the fraternal relationship between both nations.

The diplomat highlighted the almost 100 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries and recalled that Nicaragua is a nation respectful of international conventions that allows it to maintain good diplomatic relations with the countries of the region.

"Nicaragua and Colombia are two states with nearly a century of diplomatic relations. We established relations in 1825; our relations have been going on for 97 years, nearing the century mark. So undoubtedly we must continue strengthening relations between our two brotherly peoples and express that always, our

foreign policy is based on maintaining and strengthening relations while keeping in mind the Vienna Convention, the principles and foundations of international law, the United Nations Charter, and the sacred respect by our countries for the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs, of the sovereign equality among states, which are fundamental principles for the relations between our countries and that mutual respect that also characterizes our countries, peoples and our governments", he added.

For his part, Muñoz Lopera said he was very happy to be in Nicaragua, where he has been received with respect by the Government.

"It is an honor to be here, I have been very well received from the first moment, since I got off the plane the officials received me with open arms. And that is indicative of this new stance, of the new government we have today since August 7. We have a new government in our beautiful country Colombia and the objective of

our President Gustavo Petro is to knit relations, rebuild relations, relations that never should have deteriorated. Our policy from this new perspective is to restore relations with all fraternal countries", he said.

He emphasized that one of the new guidelines of his government is to strengthen diplomatic relations with sister countries such as Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, with whom they have already been working with towards [greater] unity.

"The border with Venezuela was reopened. It was beautiful to see all the trucks with merchandise and supplies passing through to the brother country of Venezuela. And today in Nicaragua, these relations must be established, we must embrace each other, we are brother countries. Here, the only ones who are harmed when relations are broken are the people, it is the people and for us it is fundamental to

develop good relations and that is the instruction of my President Gustavo Petro and that is what we are going to do, build good relations, thank him and the message for President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario, and that is what we come here to do, establish relations and it would be very good to continue building all this that we have started", he concluded."



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<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/nicaragua-y-colombia-por-fortalecer-relaciones-diplomaticas/>

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