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# People's Republic of China donates humanitarian assistance to Nicaragua

Monday, 17 October 2022

The Government of Nicaragua through the National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Response-SINAPRED\* received an important donation from the People's Republic of China, to assist in addressing the emergencies caused by the impact of Hurricane Julia.

This show of solidarity and brotherhood through humanitarian assistance reflects the close friendship and mutual collaboration between the two countries.

The donation ceremony was presided over by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China, Mr. Chen Xi; Presidential Advisor for Investment Promotion, Trade and International Cooperation Mr. Laureano Ortega Murillo, and Minister Director of SINAPRED Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez.

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China conveyed the solidarity and support on behalf of his people and Government to the Nicaraguan Government and people due to the impact of Hurricane Julia.

He pointed out that despite the distance, the two countries are best friends, which is why the Chinese government, upon learning of the serious effects of Hurricane Julia, decided in the first instance to offer emergency humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan government to support it in its recovery efforts.

"All this shows the will, the friendship and fraternity, the brotherhood between our two governments and two peoples. We hope that with this help we can contribute to the efficient work of the Nicaraguan Government and people in their struggle for recovery and restore normalcy as soon as possible", he pointed out.

He highlighted the work and efforts being developed by SINAPRED and the Nicaraguan Government under the leadership of President Daniel Ortega, expressing that China appreciates and values highly the work carried out, achieving great successes before, during and after the impact of Hurricane Julia.

Similarly, Compañero Laureano thanked on behalf of President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo the President of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Brother Xi Jinping, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, its people and its government for this donation and contribution to address the emergency caused by Hurricane Julia in Nicaragua.

"These are resources that will be directly applied for the benefit of Nicaraguan families to meet the needs that have arisen after the hurricane under the coordination of our System, coordinated by Dr. Guillermo González," said the Presidential Advisor.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133433-republica-popular-china-realiza-donacion-en-asistencia-humanitaria-a-nicaragua>



## Daniel continues to be ranked among the top performing presidents in the Americas

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

President Daniel Ortega remains among the top-ranking presidents of Latin America, occupying the third position with an approval rating of 77.4 percent, according to a survey released on Tuesday by M&R Consultores.

The Sandinista leader is followed by Gustavo Petro of Colombia with 69%, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of Mexico with 56%, Luis Lacalle Pou of Uruguay 47%, Gabriel Boric of Chile with only 49%, Joe Biden 37%, among others.

On Tuesday, M&R Consultores presented the results of the third edition of the Pan-optic Public Opinion Survey of the Americas and Central America in 2022.

Likewise, 81% of the [Nicaraguan] population agrees that under no circumstances should the economic and social stability be put at risk. In addition, 89.3% agree that no one can, without incurring responsibilities and consequences, infringe upon the rights of others.

At the Central American level, 96.6% of public opinion believe that it is citizens exercising their vote that decide who governs their country. In addition, 91.6% say that the constitutional order must be respected in Nicaragua.

The study rates the performance of Central American governments in which Nicaragua obtained an index of 8.43, following El Salvador and Costa Rica.

Regarding the results of the Panoptic survey of [all] the Americas, Nicaragua ranks third with 77.4% approval of the government's performance.

In the study, Central Americans also gave their opinion on the course undertaken by the countries under the leadership of their presidents. In the case of Nicaragua, the data reflects that 72.5% consider that President Daniel Ortega is taking [the country] in the right direction.

In terms of the management of the [Covid] pandemic, at the Central American level, the index is 8.65. Nicaragua has an index of 8.9. Costa Rica 9.03 and El Salvador 9.43.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/daniel-sigue-posesionado-entre-mejores-mandatarios-de-america/>



## Minister Iván Acosta affirms that 2023 budget guarantees more resources for social investment

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

**O**n Tuesday, Iván Acosta, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, commented that in 2007 there were changes in fiscal logic, since before this year, the priority was focused on the public administration, and this was reflected in where resources were directed.

"At that time social spending was well below 50% of the budget, and social investment was barely walking. Social investment was at 47% of the budget, and public investment, during the best year was 243 million," he recalled.

Acosta stated that, with those 243 million per year for public administration, it would take 50 years to build the Wawa Boom Bridge, a mega work of the Government in the Caribbean.

"As of 2007, the public policy directive of President Daniel Ortega, was to strengthen social investment; and that social investment is fundamentally focused on strengthening the entire national education system, including at the university level (were 6% is allocated), an investment of nearly 25 cents of every córdoba, and approximately 22 or 23 cents goes to health," he said.

"We were then able to improve the conditions of teachers which had been very hard hit, and even though they are not where we would like them to be, there has been a significant improvement. We reinstated the school lunch program, we resumed providing backpacks, to serve the population with fewer resources so that children can return to the classroom. We recuperated almost 200,000 children in our school enrollment, and we also improved the conditions of school facilities," said Acosta.

He added that health services were expanded, there is more investment in medicines, a guaranteed per capita to guarantee medicines and hospital care to all the population, and to ensure more [trained] healthcare staff to serve the population.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/ministro-afirma-que-presupuesto-2023-garantiza-recursos-para-inversion-social/>





# Nicaraguan Government makes strategic advances in the fight against breast cancer

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

The Vice President of Nicaragua, Compañera Rosario Murillo referred to the commemoration of the International Day for the Fight against Breast Cancer.

"Today on the day that the whole world pays attention to breast cancer, we are making progress in strategies to treat this disease," she commented.

She said that since 2006, 544 patients have received radiotherapy treatment for cancer; in 2006, only 103 patients were treated. There were [only] 3 mammographs, now we have 30 pieces of equipment providing 92,000 treatments in 2022 alone.

"And we also have units to perform chemotherapy in 7 departments of the country. All MINSAs are equipped to perform biopsy readings for breast cancer diagnosis."

"We have 2 high technology linear accelerators for cancer treatment, and we have trained physicians, male and female doctors, gynecological oncologists, and surgeons and surgical oncologists from abroad to care for cancer patients and accompany them in their recovery."

"They are trained in the use of ultrasound to attend to our sisters who are recovering thank be to God, and can continue with their lives, bringing joy to their families."

Compañera Rosario announced the opening of the shelter and the clothing and handicrafts workshop for cancer patients at the Bertha Calderón Hospital. She also announced the delivery of ultrasounds to hospitals in Ciudad Sandino and Matagalpa, donated by Global Help and the Álvaro Foundation.

The rehabilitation of the Nandayosi health post in Villa El Carmen was also inaugurated to improve health care conditions for 6 thousand inhabitants of that area.

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# Nicaragua is the first country in Central America to have a Medicinal Oxygen Plant

Thursday , 20 october 2022

The Minister of Health, Dr. Martha Reyes, together with workers of the Health Ministry, inaugurated the first Medicinal Oxygen Plant in Nicaragua, named after María Auxiliadora Ramos Hernández, which will oversee supplying this vital element to the country's public hospitals.

This plant located in the sector of the Antonio Lenin Fonseca Hospital will have a monthly production capacity of 13 thousand 440 tanks of Medicinal Oxygen of 220 pounds.

"We consider that this marks a milestone in the history of the Ministry of Health because it is a priority set by our Good Governance to be able to train ourselves and have the necessary equipment to face emergencies and this was a directive set by the President of the Republic Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario, to ensure that the Ministry of Health would have the inhouse capacity to produce the amount of oxygen required not only in times of emergency, but also to supply our hospitals during times of peace", pointed out Reyes.

In this way, Nicaragua has become the first country in Central America in which the public health system has its own Medicinal Oxygen Plant.

During the inauguration ceremony, Mrs. Silvia Josefa Ramos Hernández, sister of health worker María Auxiliadora Ramos Hernández (QEPD), the name with which this medical plant was baptized, was present. This health worker passed to another plane of life on November 20, 1987, when she and other brigadistas were ambushed by the then counterrevolutionary forces while working in rural communities in the municipality of El Almendro de Río San Juan.

The Government of Nicaragua invested more than 152 million córdobas to build and operate this important Medicinal Oxygen Plant.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133569-nicaragua-es-el-primer-pais-en-centroamerica-de-tener-una-planta-de-oxigeno-medicinal>



## Finance Minister projects economic growth to range between 4 and 5%

Friday , 21 October 2022

**O**n Friday, the Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, assured that with a firmer projection and according to estimates until August, Nicaragua should have an economic growth rate between 4 and 5 percent at the end of the year.

"The monthly index of economic activity is 4.6 percent; it is the consistency that from January to August already grew and the country's projections are that the economy will continue to grow between 4 and 5 percent. In other words, the forecasts are holding and a reactivation of almost all economic sectors can be observed," he explained.

"We are talking about services, banking, hotels, tourism, production all continue to grow in terms of volume. The export sector and the country's consumption has had important incentives, important resources, therefore, we expect this 4.6 to be maintained through to the end of the year," he added.

Acosta offered his statements during the weekly meeting of the production, consumption, and trade system, where the performance of coffee growing and the pace it is experiencing in the different planting areas was discussed.

"We have evaluated the actions of the main institutions of the system, to improve yields, reduce costs in coffee production. To maximize those 3.8 million quintals programmed and follow the continuous route, we hope to go beyond 4 million in the coming years," he explained.

"We believe it will have a great impact on the export basket of this leading product that has managed until 2021-2022 to add almost 3.6 million to our exports between October, year-on-year, bringing the export from January to December close to 3.3 million quintals. We are talking about a product of high impact that will give us exports of close to 700 million dollars. It is a great contribution to our export basket and to the generation of jobs and employment", he emphasized.

Acosta commented that, with the launching of the protection plan, a mobilization of half a million workers between pickers, services and transportation is projected.

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<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/ministro-reafirma-que-crecimiento-economico-oscilara-4-y-5-por-ciento/>

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