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Nicaragua: Country Profile

- 6 million people
- Second poorest country in Western Hemisphere
- One of most inequitable in Latin America (Gini Coefficient of 60)





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Background

- 2005 - 2009
- Evolution of work begun under M&L
- Working in “fluid” environment
 - Changes in USAID
 - From SOs to Annual Plans
 - From efficiency and transparency to service delivery
 - From \$14 million to \$12 million projected
 - \$3.011 million: Population (obligated)
 - \$3.388 million: Child survival (obligated)
 - \$3.951 million: Education (obligated)
 - Political changes in Nicaraguan government
 - From neoliberal pro-US to socialist anti-US



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Character of Clients

- Ministry of Health
 - Over 1,000 health centers & health posts
 - 32 hospitals
 - 13 million outpatients per year
 - 30,000 employees
 - Budget US\$182 million

- Ministry of Education
 - 7,000 schools
 - 1.5 million students in school (65% coverage)
 - 40,000 employees
 - Budget US\$176 million





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Basic Program Elements

- Strengthening systems
 - Planning and budgeting
 - Service delivery
 - Monitoring and evaluation
- Leadership development
- Citizen Participation





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Basic Program Elements by Institution

Basic Elements / Institutions	MOH	MOE	Other (PROFAMILIA, Nicasalud, Med. School)
Planning & budgetting	X	X	X
Service delivery	X	X	X
Monitoring and evaluation	X	X	X
Leadership	X	X	X
Citizen participation	X	X	
Legal and regulatory framework	X		



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Family Planning: Areas of Intervention

- Strengthening systems
 - Planning and budgeting
 - 2007 medium term budget
 - DAIA Committee
 - Service delivery
 - Family outreach
 - Pregnancy census
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - AMAS
 - SIGLIM
 - DHS
- Leadership development
- Citizen Participation
- Regulatory framework
 - Family Planning Norms





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Family Planning: Results

	1992	1998	2001	2006
TFR	4.6	3.6	3.2	2.7
Contraceptive Prevalence*	45%	57%	68%	70%

* Women in Union, modern methods





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Family Planning: Systems Strengthening

- Planning and budgeting
 - 2007 medium-term budget
 - DAIA Committee





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2007 medium-term budget

Impact	Outcome	Output	Indicator	Goal	Cost
Reduce MM from 96 per 100,000 lb to 85 by 2011	Reduce complications of pregnancy and postpartum	Healthy pregnancies	No. of pregnancies with at least 4 prenatal visits	75,222	446.04
		Healthy newborns	No. of institutional deliveries	97,806	414.19
			No. of women with postpartum visits	94,556	62.4
		WFA using contraceptives	No. of FP visits	1,060,783	16.99



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DAIA Committees

- Commodities Security Committees
- Created awareness in government of need to take responsibility for contraceptive purchase
 - Contraceptive procurement policy agreed upon by government
 - Budget line item for contraceptives since 2006





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Family Planning: Service Delivery

- Family outreach
- Pregnancy census
- Community distribution of contraceptives
- Strengthening PROFAMILIA
 - Went from 50% to 98% self-sufficient
 - Increased contraceptive sales





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Family Planning: Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitoring and evaluation
 - Health unit monitoring (AMAS)
 - SIGLIM
 - DHS





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Family Planning: Leadership Development

- Leadership Development in 3 SILAIS and 29 municipalities (20%)
- Half of the leadership challenges are related to family planning





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Examples of Challenges in LDP

Municipality	Challenge
Quezalguaque	Lower the adolescent pregnancy rate from 13% to 10%.
Nagarote	Offer integrated attention to every woman in fertile age.
Mozonte	Increase Family Planning coverage by 20%.
Dipilto	Increase Family Planning by 5% in the 1st Quarter of 2008.
Santa María	Increase Family Planning by 10% in 2008 from 8% to 18%.
Ciudad Antigua	Increase Family Planning by 14%.



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Citizen Participation

- Strengthening Municipal Development Committees
- Strengthening the application of social auditing in health and education
 - Menu of indicators, including family planning





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Regulatory Framework

- Family planning norms
- Community pharmacies





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