



NICARAGUA

Risk Management and Emergency

Disaster Context

Nicaragua is vulnerable to natural disasters due to its geographical location and economic and social conditions. The high levels of inequality translate in to poverty, marginalisation, and social exclusion. Nicaragua suffers from the threat of earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tropical storms, landslides, droughts, and forest fires. The frequency and magnitude of these phenomena are magnified by the inability to manage the development process. Improper land planning, inadequate agricultural practices, and uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources are all examples of further hindrances that contribute to the problems faced by Nicaragua. In response to Hurricane Mitch, the Government of Nicaragua, with assistance from UNDP and other international organisations, is promoting prevention, capacity building, and risk management solutions.

Project Title

Risk Management and Emergency in Nicaragua

Sectors

- Policy development
- Capacity-building
- Disaster mitigation and preparation
- Emergency humanitarian assistance

Funding

UNDP provided \$120,000 from TRAC funds.

Partners

- Secretaría Ejecutiva del Sistema Nacional de Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres (SINAPRED)
- Defensa Civil, Alcaldías, ONGs y Organismos de Cooperación Técnica Internacional como COSUDE (Cooperacion Suiza)

Programme Activities

- Assisting in the implementation of Law 337 created by SINAPRED and formulating the National Risk Reduction Programme
- Creating a group of forty professionals skilled in Risk Management
- Building the capacities of municipal committees in the north of Nicaragua
- Providing materials such as risk management maps, facilitator guides, maps outlining the methodological development of risk management and planning, lessons learned, and contingency planning