CONVOY OF HOPE

COUNTRY CAPSULE

2024

Nicaragua

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NUMBERS

76,984 CHILDREN'S FEEDING PARTICIPANTS

1,284 WOMEN & GIRLS EMPOWERED

3,375 AGRICULTURE PARTICIPANTS

502 PROGRAM CENTERS

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Situated between Honduras and Costa Rica, Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Lack of infrastructure, lingering civil unrest, and income distribution disparity all contribute to food insecurity and poverty.[1] The population also endures unstable access to water and sanitation.[2] Access to education is limited, with farmers, indigenous people, and people with low incomes having minimal or no access at all.[3] Nicaragua is historically vulnerable to recurrent natural disasters, including droughts, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes. Such disasters have stunted the country's ability to deal with the aforementioned concerns.[4] Convoy began working in Nicaragua in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country. While Convoy of Hope continued providing aid in the aftermath of subsequent storms and droughts that occurred, Nicaragua became an official program country in 2006 after Convoy established a strategic feeding program for children. Following that success, Convoy of Hope expanded in the country by starting both Women's Empowerment and Agriculture programs in 2014.

Country Fast Facts

24.9%[1]
Population living in poverty

33rd[4]
Ranking of countries most affected by natural disasters from 1993-2022

17.3%[5]
Children under 5 years old suffering from stunting

6.9 million[5]
Population

Your investment of $15,000 will ensure that 125 children are given a nutritious meal every school day.

Your investment of $25,000 will ensure that 25 women are empowered to start their own businesses.

Your investment of $34,960 will ensure that 304 farmers are trained and equipped to provide food for their families and communities.

Your investment of $44,640 will ensure that 6 program centers are able to provide a nutritious meal for every student every school day.

[1]Central Intelligence Agency. "Nicaragua." (2025, March) https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/nicaragua/
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[3]SpringerLink. "The Education System of Nicaragua." (2022) https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-030-41651-5_40
[4]Germanwatch. "Climate Risk Index 2025." (2025, February) https://www.germanwatch.org/en/cri
[5]The World Bank. "Nicaragua." (2025) https://data.worldbank.org/country/nicaragua