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Visit to partners in Nicaragua

From June 1–5, Ken, Vera, Magda, Enrique y Adilia visited Kenoli's partner organizations in Nicaragua. The team witnessed how families are transforming their lives through agroecology, early childhood development, and community support.

Hogar Luceros: Building confidence and community in Camoapa



At Hogar Luceros, the work goes beyond crops and classrooms, it is about people, resilience, and solidarity. During the visit, we learned how the organization provides daily meals for children, supports agroecological production, and creates safe spaces for adolescents and young mothers. In workshops and gatherings, young women find encouragement, strengthen their confidence, and participate actively in activities designed to accompany them through the challenges of early motherhood.

The farm itself is a living classroom, where production continues despite difficulties such as water shortages and pests. Volunteers and staff work side by side with families, offering technical guidance and fostering community spirit. In every corner, from the kitchen to the redesigned corrals and small greenhouses, the commitment to care and growth is evident.

Hogar Luceros is not only advancing projects; it is nurturing lives, weaving bonds of trust, and cultivating hope.

ODESAR: Growing hope in rural communities of Esquipulas



In the rural community of Miraguas, Esquipulas, ODESAR is helping families transform small plots of land into thriving gardens that nourish both body and spirit. Mayra, a single mother of three, proudly cultivates vegetables, medicinal herbs, and fruit trees that now provide healthy meals and food security for her children. Through ODESAR's training, she has learned organic gardening techniques and gained valuable knowledge about nutrition and family health, skills that have been life-changing.

The impact extends beyond the garden. In nearby El Rodeo, ODESAR's early childhood development program is giving children a strong start, with parents reporting that participants arrive at school ahead of their peers. Using simple, recycled learning materials, families are actively supporting their children's growth at home.

Stories like Mayra's show that lasting change begins with small seeds: a garden, a lesson, a caring community. With its commitment to empowering families and investing in young children, ODESAR is cultivating healthier futures, stronger communities, and new opportunities for generations to come.

Where hope is planted, resilience grows, and together, communities flourish.

FEDICAMP: Strengthening schools and communities through resilience



In Pueblo Nuevo, FEDICAMP is working hand in hand with schools, families, and local authorities to improve health, nutrition, and community well-being. During the visit, the organization celebrated the inauguration of latrines and handwashing stations in the schools of San Antonio, Miguel Ángel Merlo, and San José, facilities that now provide safer and healthier environments for more than 170 children. The joy of students dressed in traditional costumes, folkloric dances, and heartfelt words of gratitude from teachers and parents reflected the deep impact of these efforts.

Beyond infrastructure, FEDICAMP supports school gardens, dining shelters, and agroecology groups that actively involve families in food production and community initiatives. Parents, and local leaders are contributing their time and resources, ensuring that children not only have access to clean water and sanitation, but also to nutritious meals and spaces for learning.

The transformation is evident in classrooms, gardens, and shared spaces where children learn, play, and grow. FEDICAMP is nurturing resilience and solidarity, showing that when communities come together, they can overcome challenges and create healthier, stronger, and brighter futures for generations to come.

With every seed planted and every child supported, hope is taking root

CEPROSI: Cultivating resilience and nurturing futures



In El Portillo, Nindirí, CEPROSI is empowering youth and families to transform adversity into opportunity. Under a relentless sun and months without rain, young participants like Linda have created community gardens using recycled materials, learning sustainable practices such as capillary/solar irrigation, organic composting, and natural pest control. These initiatives are not only producing food, but also building resilience and strengthening community ties, offering young people hope and skills for a future at home.

CEPROSI's impact begins even earlier in life. Through its Early Childhood Development component, mothers are learning how to nourish and stimulate their children during the most critical stages of growth. Simple yet powerful practices, like preparing nutritious cereal, talking, and playing with their children, are restoring health and fostering confidence. Mothers like María and Ninoska testify to the transformation, noting how their children are now more active, expressive, and connected. The change is visible in the gardens, in the homes, and in the children themselves.

CEPROSI is cultivating not only crops, but stronger families, empowered youth, and brighter futures.

Country workshop in Nicaragua



On June 3rd, Kenoli held the Country Workshop at Hotel San Thomas in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, bringing together partner organizations for reflection and strategic dialogue. Magda led an exercise on the institutional life cycle, while Enrique introduced the Strength, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results (SOAR) tool and shared data on early childhood development and agroecology. Balvina presented best practices on early childhood development, and participants worked in groups to explore opportunities and challenges in agroecology and early childhood development. Magda also emphasized fundraising as essential for sustainability.

The workshop closed with gratitude from participants, reaffirming that with innovation, discipline, and collective commitment, these organizations are ready to grow stronger and build brighter futures for their communities.

Together, we are planting the seeds of resilience and hope that will continue to flourish for generations to come.