

Nicaragua

Programme Title:	National Development Capacities for Improving Employment and Self-Employment Opportunities for Young People
Programme number & MPTF ref:	MDGF-1941-H-NIC Natl Devt Capa (67214)
Window:	Youth, Employment & Migration
Approved Budget by NSC (US\$):	5.6 million
Participating Organizations:	FAO, UNWTO, UNIDO, UNFPA, ILO, UNDP
Dates of First /Second /Third installments:	29-Jun-2009 / 20-Oct-2010 / 09-Dec-2011

ACTIVITIES REPORTED:

Main Substantive Activities:

244 youth finished entrepreneurial training (of which 139 were female). 523 youth (319 are female) receiving entrepreneurial training. National Decent Employment Plan (2012-16) finalized. Migrant rights information campaign ongoing. 2,206 youth received vocational training. 4823 youth received social skills training. 1,009 youth informed about labor rights. National Youth Employment Plan drafted and pending approval. 20 community youth leaders received leadership training. Ten roundtables on youth employment formed, and the 11th municipal roundtable in Managua has been established in the National Youth Employment Commission. 3 agreements written (2 in Jinotega and 1 in Altagracia) for the employment insertion of young men and women. Migrant rights campaign designed.

Problems and lessons learned

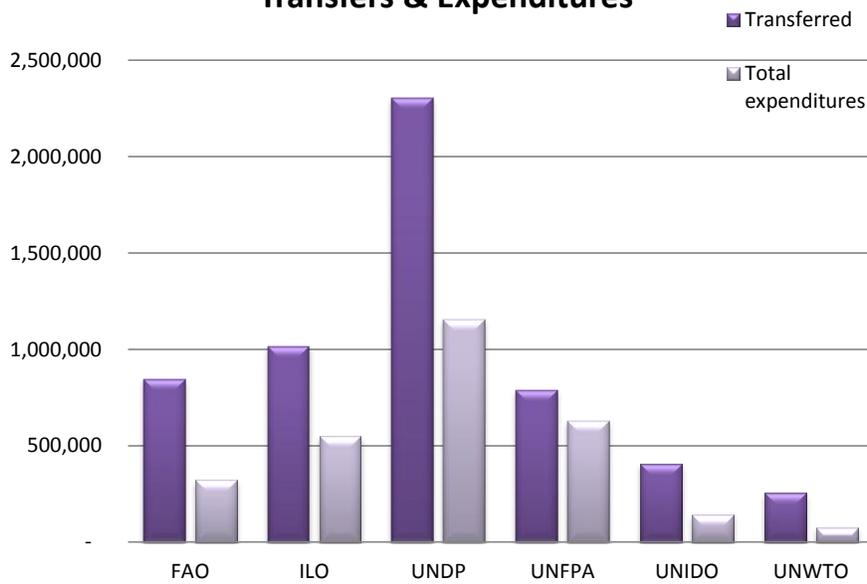
- The Program design did not consider municipalities' geographical dispersion and Nicaraguan law in relation to credit access for people under 21 years old. This issue hampered the economic development strategy stated in the Program which seeks to promote faster access to credit and facilitate the establishment of production chains at the municipal level.
- The training process, employability and job placement was carried out without considering academic level of the target groups and local demand and supply, affecting the effectiveness' of the training and retention ratio.
- Although the Program planning and implementation was a joint process and in accordance to the Government's priorities, some weaknesses were found in the counterparts institutional capacities in order to respond to technical and financial commitments, this due to the limited staff number (overload capacities) and lack of expertise on credit, fund management and business plan development.

The programme has communications strategy in place: Yes

CHARTS & FIGURES
As of 31 December 2011

Organization	Approved Budget	Transferred	Exp rate	Total Expenditure	Supplies, equipmt & transport	Personnel	Training of counter	Contracts	Other direct costs	Indirect costs
FAO	844,587	844,587	38%	322,541	1,446	24,527	143,193	130,300	1,974	21,101
ILO	1,015,965	1,015,965	54%	548,354	13,036	142,506	356,939			35,873
UNDP	2,303,166	2,303,166	50%	1,154,395	84,660	370,263	395,233	201,803	26,925	75,511
UNFPA	786,450	786,450	80%	629,839	78,317	100,163	306,205	69,198	34,861	41,095
UNIDO	405,886	405,886	35%	142,178		32,851		94,121	5,905	9,301
UNWTO	253,946	253,946	29%	74,400	585	6,726	39,810	20,707	1,705	4,867
Grand total	5,610,000	5,610,000	51%	2,871,707	406,221	1,635,338	245,065	659,010	145,299	215,753

Transfers & Expenditures



Expenditure by category

