ANF is a relief and development organization whose mission is to alleviate poverty in the lives of the most vulnerable communities across Nicaragua.

We take a holistic approach to poverty alleviation, working across the relief-development spectrum in the areas of humanitarian assistance, housing, healthcare, nutrition, education, agriculture, water and sanitation. We have a distribution network of more than 700 local partner organizations throughout Nicaragua, including local governments, schools, clinics, religious institutions, NGOs, and community-based organizations. Through our partners, ANF reaches Nicaragua’s poorest communities, having a significant impact on thousands of families.


- **$49.6 MILLION** Cumulative cash allocated to programs
- **$1.98 BILLION** Cumulative value of in-kind contributions distributed
- **$2.03 BILLION** ANF’s total program-related expenses
Nicaragua is highly vulnerable to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides and floods. The major events that have occurred in the last 25 years have caused serious damage and loss. Through its network of local partner organizations, ANF has supported those affected by these disasters through the immediate delivery of basic goods and emergency kits.

**Hurricane Mitch** caused damage to 17,600 homes and destroyed another 23,900 homes, displacing a total of 368,300 people (El Periódico de Aragón, 2006).

**Tropical Storm Nate** affected more than 29,000 people in Nicaragua, killing 16 people and damaging nearly 6,000 homes (El Nuevo Diario 2017).

**Hurricane Félix** affected over 198,000 people in Nicaragua, contaminating 9,094 water wells, destroying 10,249 homes and demolishing 12,173 sanitation facilities (OPS/OMS 2007).

### ANF’S RESPONSE TO PAST NATURAL DISASTERS

#### HURRICANE MITCH IN 1998
- 343 benefited new homes for displaced families built with ANF’s support
- 273 ocean-freight containers with medicine, food, and basic goods distributed

#### HURRICANE FÉLIX IN 2007
- 288 new homes for displaced families built with ANF’s support
- 4 new school classrooms built

#### TROPICAL STORM NATE IN 2017
- 20 families given access to drinking water by reconstructing water wells
- 1,360 packages with basic goods (such as water, food, clothing, and personal hygiene products) delivered, benefiting more than 775 families
ANF focuses its educational programs on reducing the indirect costs to education, thereby creating incentives for parents to send their children to school. This is accomplished through the distribution of in-kind donations (school supplies and classroom furniture) and the implementation of school meal programs. Additionally, ANF supports the construction of classrooms, computer labs, and water and sanitation stations.

**ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS**

- **1,045 containers of school supplies distributed, valued at $100.2 million**
- **150 school classrooms constructed or rehabilitated**
- **Over 1,500 teachers trained in new and improved teaching methodologies**
- **40 computer labs established**

**ANF’S WORK IN 2017**

- **8 containers of school supplies and classroom furniture (valued at $311,000) distributed, supporting nearly 30,000 students in 150 schools**
- **More than 19,000 students in 130 schools fed with ANF’s help, providing over 3 million vitamin-fortified, nutrient-rich meals**
- **12 new classrooms built**

88.6% is the average net enrollment rate for primary-aged students (FIDEG 2016).

6.2 is the average years of schooling for the population aged 10 years and over (FIDEG 2016).

58.6% is the average net enrollment rate for secondary-aged students (FIDEG 2016).

15.8% of the population aged 10 years and over is illiterate (FIDEG 2016).

50.5% of children are not enrolled in schools for reasons related to economic problems or the need to work outside/inside the household (FUNIDES 2017).
ANF distributes food, medicine, medical supplies, and equipment to a network of more than 400 centers across the country. We also deliver mobility equipment to people with disabilities. Additionally, ANF supports meal programs and nutritional recovery programs and facilitates educational campaigns to educate low-income students on topics related to health and nutrition. We also invest in the rehabilitation/construction of medical clinics and feeding centers.

16.6% of the population is undernourished (FAO 2015).

3.1% of Nicaragua’s GDP is spent on health (BCN 2016).

$63.4 is the government’s average health expenditure per person (BCN 2016).

42.4% of households either burn their garbage or throw it into vacant lots or rivers (INIDE 2017).

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH
1. Malignant tumors
2. Acute myocardial infarction
3. Diabetes
4. Chronic kidney diseases
5. Stroke
(MINSA 2018)

**ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS**

1,489 ocean freight containers with medicine, medical equipment and supplies distributed, valued at $1.5 billion
2,575 ocean freight containers with food (vitamin-fortified, nutrient-rich food aid) distributed, valued at $98.4 million

More than 2,500 extremely malnourished children aided in order to improve their health

**ANF’S WORK IN 2017**

21,700 people fed daily in 310 centers that offer care for the elderly, vulnerable women, undernourished children, people in addiction recovery, and people with disabilities

150 severely malnourished children supported in order to recover from a related health condition and more than 500 children helped to recover from nutrition deficit

More than 12,900 students taught through our outreach campaigns about health-related issues, such as healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and environmental issues

73 medical containers distributed to 120 health facilities

Over 1,400 individuals with mobility disabilities received specialized equipment, of which 857 were new wheelchairs
ANF has a team of agriculture experts who have developed proven methods to help impoverished farmers achieve food security and sustained economic growth. ANF’s initiatives support small-holder farmers and their families with agricultural inputs, training, and technical assistance. Food security and agricultural activities are complemented with other initiatives that can improve the livelihoods of rural families.

- **11.5%** of Nicaragua’s area can be severely affected by drought (FAO 2012).
- **41.9%** of the Nicaraguan population live in rural areas (INIDE 2017).
- **50.1%** of individuals in rural areas are considered poor and 16.3% are considered extremely poor (INIDE 2015).
- **$2.50** is the average income per person per day in rural areas (almost half the average income per person per day in urban areas) (INIDE 2015).

## ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS

- **Over 1,400** bean farmers and **350** beekeepers provided with technical assistance and training
- **2,200** families benefited from fruit gardens and reforestation initiatives
- **1,800** families benefited from small-scale animal farming initiatives
- **28** greenhouses established, impacting more than **200** small-holder farmers

## ANF’S WORK IN 2017

- **45** beekeepers, **50** bean farmers, **36** papaya and guava farmers and **225** vegetable farmers supported with inputs, training and technical assistance
- **400** farmers trained at ANF’s agricultural training center (CEA, by its Spanish acronym)
- **282** families benefited from our fruit gardens and reforestation initiatives
- **180** families benefited from our small-scale animal farming initiatives
Since 2003, ANF has been working with the Institute of Urban and Rural Housing (INVUR, by its Spanish acronym) and different municipalities across the country to support the construction of houses for low-income families. Recently, thanks to ANF’s experience, legal and technical capability to build large-scale social housing projects, the organization executed a high percentage of projects for the government as official Auxiliary Entity.

**ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS**

20,900 new houses constructed with ANF’s support, benefiting more than 105,500 people

**ANF’S WORK IN 2017**

More than 900 new houses constructed with ANF’s support, benefiting approximately 5,800 people

320 solar panels and 200 eco-stoves installed in rural households, reducing wood consumption

60 community centers constructed, strengthening each community as a whole and providing new opportunities for cultural and educational development

17.9% of households are overcrowded (INIDE 2017).
31% of households have dirt floors (INIDE 2017).
9.1% of households use kerosene, candles, or flashlights as lighting (INIDE 2017).
Most WASH interventions complement ANF’s housing initiatives. When households are scattered, the organization drills water wells; when they are concentrated, it builds small-scale electric pumping/gravity fed systems. Additionally, ANF builds different types of sanitation facilities across the country. WASH initiatives also focus on improving families hygiene and strengthening the communities’ capacity to manage their new facilities once projects conclude.

ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS
148 water wells built
10,470 sanitation facilities built
100,000 people benefited through our WASH initiatives
More than 5,500 households connected to water systems by installing tap stands in their yards or plots

ANF’S WORK IN 2017
31 wells drilled, benefiting more than 3,000 people
950 sanitation facilities constructed, benefiting 5,900 people
More than 750 water tap stands installed, benefiting 5,700 people

14% of the population use unimproved sources of water (WHO/UNICEF JMP 2017).
20% of the population does not have water available when needed (WHO/UNICEF JMP 2017).
19% of the population use unimproved sanitation facilities (WHO/UNICEF JMP 2017).
5.4% of households do not have a latrine (INIDE 2017).