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.

VALUE OF DONATIONS 2018

$4.5 MILLION  Cumulative cash allocated to programs
$47.7 MILLION  Cumulative value of in-kind contributions distributed
$52.2 MILLION  ANF’s total program-related expenses
Nicaragua is highly vulnerable to natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, storms, and floods. In fact, the country was ranked #6 globally in the most recent Climate Risk Index. Major events that have occurred in the last 26 years (1992-2018) have caused serious damage and loss. Through its broad network of local partner organizations, ANF has supported those affected by these disasters through the immediate delivery of in-kind goods such as medicine, clothes, medical equipment, food aid, and first-aid supplies.

In 2018, Nicaragua was engulfed in a crisis marked by large-scale protests and general unrest, which led to an economic downturn and extensive unemployment. Sadly, many of ANF’s partners—especially those that care for the most vulnerable such as orphanages, elderly homes, and disability assistance organizations—bore the costs of the crisis and were facing life-threatening resource constraints. In situations such as these, ANF mobilizes its partners and donors to provide direct cash transfers to help cover operating costs.

**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 Felix** 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).

**Nicaragua Crisis Fund** was created in 2018 to support local partner organizations such as orphanages, dispensaries, nursing homes and feeding centers that were indirectly affected by the crisis.

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**ANF’S RESPONSE IN THE PAST**

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

**HURRICANE FELIX 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 rehabilitating water wells
- 1,360 packages with basic goods delivered, benefiting more than 775 families

**NICARAGUA CRISIS FUND IN 2018**
- $61,613 in cash donations received to support apolitical humanitarian organizations who served those indirectly affected by the crisis.
ANF focuses its educational programs on improving school-level infrastructure and reducing the indirect costs of 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.

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

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

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

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

ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS
1,051 containers of school supplies distributed, valued at $100.2 million
168 school classrooms constructed or rehabilitated
Over 1,510 teachers trained in new and improved teaching methodologies

ANF’S WORK IN 2018
13 food containers (valued at $400,000), distributed in 151 schools, benefiting more than 19,500 students
6 containers of school supplies distributed (valued at $640,000), supporting nearly 35,800 students in 191 schools
18 new classrooms built
3 new occupational centers built
HEALTH & NUTRITION

ANF has several programs under its health and nutrition department. Our team delivers mobility assistive devices such as wheelchairs to people with disabilities, facilitates school-level health education campaigns for low-income students on topics related to health and nutrition, supports nutritional recovery programs for severely malnourished children, carries out direct health projects to promote awareness and prevention of diabetes, and invests in the rehabilitation/constuction of medical clinics and feeding centers. Moreover, ANF distributes medicine, medical supplies, equipment, and specialized nutrient-rich food to a network of 116 health centers across the country.

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

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

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

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

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 26 YEARS
1,558 ocean freight containers with medicine, medical equipment and supplies distributed, valued at $1.5 billion
2,671 ocean freight containers with food (vitamin-fortified, nutrient-rich food aid) distributed, valued at $98.4 million
More than 3,000 extremely malnourished children aided in order to improve their health

ANF'S WORK IN 2018
46,367 people fed daily in 482 centers that offer care for the elderly, vulnerable women, malnourished children, people in addiction recovery, and people with disabilities
621 malnourished children supported in order to recover from a health-related condition and nutrition deficit
More than 12,200 students taught through our outreach campaigns about health-related issues, such as healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and environmental issues
116 health centers supported by medical donations
30,309 children received deworming treatment
More than 1,400 individuals with mobility disabilities received specialized equipment, 914 of which received 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-scale farmers and their families with agricultural inputs, training, and technical assistance. Food security and agricultural activities are complemented with other initiatives – rooted in principles such as conservation agriculture, agroforestry, and climate adaptation – that can improve the livelihoods of rural families. Moreover, through ANF’s Agricultural Training Center (CEA by its Spanish acronym) in Tipitapa, Nicaragua, hundreds of small-scale farmers are trained each year using demonstration plots, module-based workshops, and firsthand laboratory-level analysis.

50.1% of individuals in rural areas are considered poor and 16.3% are considered extremely poor (INIDE 2015).

41.9% of the Nicaraguan population live in rural areas (INIDE 2017).

11.5% of Nicaragua’s area can be severely affected by drought (FAO 2012).

$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 26 years**

- Over 1,550 bean farmers and 390 beekeepers provided with technical assistance and training
- 2,390 families benefited from fruit and reforestation initiatives
- 1,900 families benefited from small-scale animal farming initiatives
- 28 greenhouses established, impacting more than 200 small-holder farmers

**ANF’s work in 2018**

- 468 families benefited from agricultural initiatives
- 211 families benefited with biodigesters
- 195 families supported with the production of high-value fruits and links to formal buyers
- 110 families benefited from our small-scale animal farming initiatives
- 20 families supported by biointensive farming initiatives
- 45 beekeepers and 170 bean farmers supported with inputs, training and technical assistance
With the support of Food for the Poor, ANF has been involved in housing programs for highly impoverished families in Nicaragua since Hurricane Mitch in 1998. In many rural communities where ANF implements housing projects, medical centers, schools and community centers are also built, and families are provided with tools and training to improve their livelihoods.

Since 2003, ANF has been working jointly with the Institute of Housing (INVUR by its Spanish acronym) and different municipalities across the country to support the expansion of social interest housing.

31% of households have dirt floors (INIDE 2017).

17.9% of households are overcrowded (INIDE 2017).

9.1% of households use kerosene, candles, or flashlights as lighting (INIDE 2017).

**ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS**

21,700 new houses constructed with ANF’s support, benefiting more than 111,300 people

**ANF’S WORK IN 2018**

820 new houses constructed with ANF’s support, benefiting approximately 5,000 people

614 solar panels and 182 eco-stoves installed in rural households, reducing wood consumption

5 community centers constructed

*Project under construction*
Most WASH interventions complement ANF’s housing initiatives. When households are scattered, the organization drills water wells (manual or solar-powered); when they are concentrated, it builds electric pumping or gravity fed systems.

Additionally, ANF builds different types of sanitation facilities across the country. WASH initiatives also focus on improving families’ hygiene, health education, and strengthening the communities’ capacity to manage their new facilities once projects conclude.

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).
14% of the population use unimproved sources of water (WHO/UNICEF JMP 2017).
5.4% of households do not have a latrine (INIDE 2017).

ANF’S WORK OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS
- 149 water wells built
- 11,181 sanitation facilities built
- 105,000 people benefited through are WASH initiatives
- More than 9,700 households connected to clean water systems by installing tap stands in their yards or plots

ANF’S WORK IN 2018
- 24 water wells functioning (built or rehabilitated), benefiting more than 900 people
- 711 sanitation facilities constructed, benefiting over 4,200 people
- More than 730 water tap stands and filters installed, benefiting over 4,400 people
Thanks to all our donors, especially Food For The Poor, for your invaluable support and making it possible for us to bring opportunities, self-sufficiency and greater dignity to the poorest and most vulnerable communities in Nicaragua.

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