



1. **Assignment title:** Junior Volunteer in Linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD) in Nicaragua
2. **Duration :** 5 months
3. **Location, Country:** Managua, Nicaragua



4. **Humanitarian context:** Nicaragua is a country with high risks of natural disasters, principally earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, floods, fade, droughts and tsunamis. Because of its geographical position and situation of poverty, Nicaragua is a highly vulnerable country. Population in risk of being hazardously affected by hurricanes and tropical storms in Nicaragua is 25.4%, which is equivalent to 1.3 million persons, while the drought affects almost 45% of the population. The consequences of relatively recent disasters (the Juana, hurricanes Mitch and Felix, earthquake in Managua and Masaya) have shown that the poor are much more likely to be adversely affected by



these natural disasters. Because of improper construction, houses are particularly vulnerable and the population does not have the conditions and means to cover the emergencies .

Given the risks, the Army and the institutions of the National System for Prevention, Mitigation and Attention to Disasters implemented 95 projects in 145 municipalities to guarantee organizational and training support. However, in most rural municipalities, risk management plans are outdated and structures as the Municipal Prevention Committee Disaster (COMUPRED) and the Local Committee for Disaster Prevention (COLOPRED) are changing so many of its members that they do not have sufficient experience in the subject. In addition, the handling of information in real time is still deficient, thus delaying decision making. An example of this is the recent dengue epidemic linked to a new serotype caused by climate change, which affected more than 8,000 people in the year 2013.

5. Security conditions: in Central America Nicaragua is a country with the best indicators of public safety, in terms of robberies, murders, gangs, kidnappings, etc. However, as elsewhere, basic safety measures must be met ..

6. Expected starting date: June 2014

7. Local host organization: The EU Aid Volunteer will be coordinated by GVC Nicaragua (www.gvc-italia.org) who is the organization responsible for the implementation of activities.

8. Brief description of organization project: GVC Nicaragua works in the country since 1984 through the implementation of development projects in different sectors and emergency projects. Its mission is to promote empowerment processes in the Nicaraguan population to contribute to building a model of human and socio-economic development, which is sustainable and inclusive, in partnership with institutions, local authorities and civil society, encouraging the participation of the most vulnerable groups, and respect for human rights and cultural diversity.

GVC Nicaragua has its headquarters in Managua, from which it manages the projects implemented in other regions of the country in coordination with local counterparts.

GVC Nicaragua also has its own offices in Puerto Cabezas, RAAN and in other supporting structures owned by the partners (such as in Chinandega).

Throughout the project development a special attention is given to integration in all its stages and components of the following elements and cross-cutting approaches: LRRD, human rights, gender, climate change and intercultural focus.

9. Objective(s) of the assignment: Technical profile/ disaster preparedness and prevention: support in terms of project management and monitoring of activities, alongside the project

