CABEI contributes to the health and well-being of more than 6 million Nicaraguans.
Universal access to health care is one of the fundamental rights of every human being, regardless of race, religion, ideology or economic or social status. Aware of this and contributing to the reduction of poverty, as well as improving the quality of life of families, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) promotes various actions and mechanisms in the region for the welfare of the population, as a priority issue within its 2020-2024 Institutional Strategy.

In line with the above and particularly in its founding partner country, Nicaragua, CABEI supports initiatives that benefit more than 6 million Nicaraguans in urban and rural areas by improving basic health services, hospital infrastructure, care and monitoring of diseases such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

“For CABEI, the most important thing is the wellbeing of the people, and over the years in Nicaragua we have executed projects aimed at the health sector that have a direct impact on Nicaraguan families, who receive better quality health care. These actions are part of the fulfillment of our mission and our Human Development axis”.

DR. DANTE MOSSI, CABEI EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT.
**PROJECTS UNDER EXECUTION**

- **Replacement of the Nuevo Amanecer Regional Hospital of the North Atlantic Autonomous Region**

The initiative includes the construction of a two-story building and other auxiliary buildings, in a total area of 18,415 m², equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, for the benefit of the population of six municipalities in this area of the country.

It will also have more than 200 beds and will offer specialized outpatient, emergency, day hospital, gynecology-obstetrics, neonatology, surgery, intensive care, orthopedics, internal medicine, chemotherapy, among other services.

An important fact is that it will bring, for the first time in the history of this area of Nicaragua, quality health services to indigenous, Afro-descendant and mestizo communities.

![Image of construction site](image1)

**Beneficiaries:** 515,469 people  
**CABEI Investment:** US$52.9 million  
**Job Generation:** 261 permanent jobs and 266 additional direct jobs

- **Strengthening the Capacity for Care in the Hospital Service Network in Prioritized Health Units**

This important initiative will allow for the construction of six modular hospitals, according to standards that guarantee adequate care for the population in Managua, Masaya, Matagalpa, Estelí and Juigalpa.

The new hospitals, which include their respective medical equipment, will have a capacity for 378 beds, and their modern infrastructure will enable them to provide better care to patients diagnosed with COVID-19. The project also includes the construction of an oncology outpatient area with its respective medical equipment at the Bertha Calderón hospital in Managua, as well as the complete equipment of a molecular biology laboratory that will operate at the San Juan de Dios hospital in the city of Estelí.

![Image of hospital](image2)

**Beneficiaries:** 2,993,372 people  
**Total employment preserved:** 186  
**CABEI Investment:** US$85 million, the remaining US$29.5 million will be cofinanced with resources from an Export Credit Agency.  

*Total amount increases to US$114.6 million*
In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, CABEI was the first development Bank to respond to the call from the region’s countries to cover the need for support and financing aimed at the prevention of this disease.

One of the most outstanding projects is the Support for the Implementation of the Vaccination and Care Deployment Plan for COVID-19 approved in April 2021. With this initiative, vaccines and supplies have been acquired to execute the vaccination process and thus prevent the spread of the virus and reduce the number of fatalities and infected people, helping to mitigate the negative effects on the health of the population.

The plan foresees the vaccination of 3.27 million Nicaraguans nationwide, and has been divided into different stages; acquisition of vaccines and supplies for their application; reinforcement of the cold chain through the purchase of equipment; strengthening of the capacities of the National Center for Reference Diagnosis (CNDR), among others.

**CABEI Investment:** US$100 million
**Beneficiaries:** 3,270,000 people

Always with the objective of safeguarding the health and lives of Nicaraguans in the face of the pandemic, we support this vital program that will benefit the general population, providing timely attention to suspected and confirmed cases, in addition to including a component for the acquisition of adequate medicines for the treatment of the disease.

These actions will strengthen the first and second level hospital network in Nicaragua, with the acquisition of necessary medical equipment such as: ventilators, vital signs monitors, peristaltic infusion pumps, secretion suction equipment, nebulizers, among others.

**CABEI Investment:** US$11.7 million
**Beneficiaries:** +6,000,000 people
## FINALIZED PROJECTS

In addition to these ongoing projects, others have already been completed and are currently contributing to the wellbeing of Nicaraguan families with new medical specialties and state-of-the-art equipment.

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| Construction and equipping of the Chinandega Hospital | US$81.8 millones. | • Beneficiaries: 500,000 people  
• Capacity to treat between 1,000 and 1,500 patients daily in specialized medical consultations, surgeries and laboratory.  
• Provides coverage to the 13 municipalities of Chinandega. |
| Replacement of the Alejandro Dávila Bolaños Military Teaching Hospital. | US$91.0 million, of which US$66.5 million were from CABEI using Bancomext as a source. | • Beneficiaries: More than 150 thousand people from all over the country.  
• Number of beds: 476  
• Number of surgeries: 50 surgeries per day.  
• Equipment acquired for imaging, operating rooms, clinical laboratory, pathology laboratory, among others.  
• Specialties: 71 |
| Construction of the Western General Hospital of Managua, Dr. Fernando Vélez Paiz | US$76.5 million contribution from CABEI and the Netherlands | • Two-story building with 22 thousand square meters of construction, with capacity for 300 beds.  
• It has modern medical equipment.  
• 22 medical offices, seven operating rooms and 22 emergency areas. |

These projects in Nicaragua, a founding member of CABI, are an effort by the Bank to guarantee basic services to the population as outlined in its Human Development strategic axis.