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Quick Facts

Countries	Nicaragua
Financial Institutions	Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Government of Nicaragua
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.25 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.25 million

Project Description

In 2003, the United Nations Organization recognized sport as a way to advance the achievement of the Millennium Goals, and to promote development and peace. It is documented that sport serves as a vehicle to promote important social skills, including teamwork, tolerance, cooperation, perseverance, confidence, leadership, among others. Participating in a sport and as a member of a sports team contributes to psychological, physiological and social well-being, benefiting both the participant and the community to which they belong. Sport can play an important role in promoting social integration and economic development in different political, geographical and cultural contexts. In Nicaragua, the practice of baseball has a long history at the national and community level: more than 16 Nicaraguans have debuted in the US Major Leagues; On the other hand, in 2017 the U14 and U10 teams were crowned winners in their respective Pan American Championships, increasingly achieving the consolidation of the federation that represents them. Although there are baseball leagues for boys that demonstrate some competitive athletic ability, before the implementation of the technical cooperation project NI-T1256, Social Inclusion Through Baseball, currently underway, there were no opportunities for boys and girls to learn the game. and enjoy participation in a non-competitive team. It should be noted that prior to the implementation of NI-T1256 there was no opportunity for girls interested in learning to play baseball; The execution of this project has allowed the incorporation of more than 20 girls in community teams, and 2 female trainers. This experience is helping to change socio-cultural norms that inhibited girls and women from participating in a sport previously considered the exclusive domain of the male sex.

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