



CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE

REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA



BACKGROUND

Total Population: 5 955 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 15.50%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instrument:

- [Criminal Code](#)

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instruments:

- [Law on Electronic Signature](#)

- [Law on Personal Data Protection](#).

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT

Nicaragua does not have an officially recognized national CIRT.

1.2.2 STANDARDS

Nicaragua does not have an officially approved national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION

There is no cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals in Nicaragua.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY

Nicaragua does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE

There is no national governance roadmap for cybersecurity in Nicaragua.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

Nicaraguan Committee on Science and Technology ([CONICYT](#)) and the Commission on Electronic Government in Nicaragua ([GOBENIC](#)) are the agencies responsible for cybersecurity in Nicaragua.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING

Nicaragua does not have officially recognized national benchmarking or referential to measure cybersecurity.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT

There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific research and development program or project for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

Academic institutions including the National University of Engineering, Central University, and National University of Managua offer coursework and specialized training in information security-related topics and computer forensics.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Nicaragua does not have the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

Nicaragua does not have any certified government and public sector agencies certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION

There is no framework to facilitate sharing of cybersecurity assets across borders or with other nation states.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION

Nicaragua does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

There is no information about any international cooperation that Nicaragua participates in.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:

- [Articles 175 and 176*](#) of the Criminal Code
- [Article 5*](#) of Law n. 287 – Code for Childhood and Adolescence.

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

Nicaragua has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Nicaragua has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

There is no agency that is responsible for child online protection.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

There is no website or hotline dedicated to receiving complaints of incidents in Nicaragua.

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