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Managua, August 20, 2024.

Brothers and sisters

Dear brothers and sisters, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of Life and Hope.

The reason for this letter is to share with you information about some events that have occurred in our country, related to the operation of the NPOs in which our institution CEPAD is immersed.

Before informing you of the facts, CEPAD was in the process of submitting some information to the MINT on specific issues of legality of some members of the General Assembly and on some financial matters related to a profile of donors from the last three years. The process was proceeding in an orderly and timely manner.

On Monday, August 19, we surprisingly received a national public communication about the cancellations of 1,500 Non-Profit Organizations governed by the Ministry of the Interior (MINT) and on the list was the name of CEPAD, with the alleged justification that all organizations fail to submit financial reports. In Nicaragua, since 2019, an exhaustive review process has been carried out on all organizations, of which 5,100 organizations (NPOs) have been canceled. I leave you the link to the cancellations. <https://www.lagaceta.gob.ni/la-gaceta-no-152-lunes-19-de-agosto-de-2024/>

Faced with this situation, together with other affected organizations, we are working with the MINT and other contacts to review the decision and negotiate some actions that we can carry out within the framework of the law, to cover obligations with debtors and the payment of social benefits and compensation to workers.

The cancellation of CEPAD's legal status has been confirmed, meaning that we no longer exist as such. Radio CEPAD has gone off-air, the national bank accounts have been blocked and we are proceeding to protect our few resources. Our staff is aware of the crisis in the country, there is pressure on how to cover general obligations, and families in the communities are highly concerned about CEPAD's exit.

In the midst of this difficult environment, we remember the biblical passage: ["Do not worry about anything; instead, pray for everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all that He has done" Philippians 4:6](#). We always see a light in the midst of this situation to continue our community work that we have done for 52 years.

From the leadership of CEPAD, Executive Directorate, Directors, Managers and Zonal Delegates we believe that we can continue working, but in an Alliance Model, through another legal figure in accordance with the reform to the General Law of Regulation and Control of Non-Profit Organizations (OSFL).

For I know very well the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for calamity, in order to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



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I ask for your prayers and supplications to the Lord creator of the Universe, his accompaniment in this process, his solidarity support to continue supporting us in the future and to continue executing projects and programs in favor of vulnerable families.

We hope to share with you more information in the coming days about our closing steps as CEPAD and the possible legal change of our organization in the country without losing the history that began from 1972 to date.

His sister in Christ.

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