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Telica is getting ready!

Telica, Nicaragua

Population: 28,000

Type of Hazard: Earthquakes, Volcanic Eruptions, Landslides, Floods, Heavy Rains and Fires

Telica is located in the mid-western plains of Nicaragua in the province of León. The two most critical and visited sites in Telica are the San Jacito hotbeds (with geothermic potential) and the active Telica Volcano.

Disaster Risk Reduction activities

In 1999, the eruption of the Telica Volcano left a trace of ash and sulfur gas in the surrounding atmosphere, although fortunately, the damage was not extensive.

In 2005, with the help of the National System for the Prevention, Attention and Mitigation of Disasters (SINAPRED) and the World Institute for Disaster Risk Management, a report was conducted under the Project for the Reduction of Vulnerability to Natural Disasters. The report measured threats, vulnerabilities and risks of different disasters in Telica. The objective of the report was to strengthen municipal capacities for risk management.

Today, Telica is part of a network of three municipalities (including Larreynaga-Malpaisillo and Quezalguaque) which has a disaster risk reduction strategy aiming to strengthen the capabilities of engineers, local authorities and communities, in promoting local sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in a participatory manner.