

NICARAGUA

Law 337

Legal base for the Creation of the National System
for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Response

(SINAPRED)

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National System Principles

- Integral approach: prevention, mitigation, response and reconstruction.
- Activities are considered of social interest and public order.
- Creation of risk leads to administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities

National System Principles

- The system guarantees financing of prevention and mitigation activities
- Assigns duties to public institutions
- Structure and functions of the National System correspond to those of the State.
- The State has the first responsibility to safeguard the life and property of citizens.

National System Principles

- Decentralization and delegation
- Respect for civil and political rights granted by the Constitution.
- Citizen participation
- Inter-disciplinary, multi-sector and inter-institutional coordination.
- Risk reduction incorporated into development planning, public and private investments and territorial planning.

National System Concept

Law 337, Article 4: “Organic and articulated pool of structures, functional relationships, methodologies and procedures among public institutions, civil society organizations, regional and municipal authorities to carry out risk reduction actions to protect society, its material assets and those of the State”.

National Committee

- President of the Republic or whomever he delegates (Vice President)
- Minister of Defense, accompanied by the Chief of Army
- Minister of Interior, accompanied by the Chief of National Police
- Minister of Foreign Relations
- Minister of Finance
- Minister of Commerce

National Committee

- Minister of Health
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
- Minister of the Family
- Minister of Education, Culture and Sports
- Minister of Agriculture
- Director of the National Institute for Territorial Studies
- Any other public institution the President deems necessary

Sector-led Work Commissions

- Education Commission: presided by the delegate of the Ministry of Education
- Earth Sciences' Commission: presided by the delegate of the National Institute for Territorial Studies
- Security Commission: presided by the delegate of the Ministry of the Interior
- Health Commission: presided by the delegate of the Ministry of Health

Sector-led Work Commissions

- Natural Resources and Environment Protection Commission: presided by the Natural Resources and Environment Protection Ministry
- Humanitarian Supplies Commission: presided by the delegate of the Ministry of the Family
- Infrastructure Commission: presided by the delegate of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Sector-led Work Commissions

- Special Operations Commission: presided by the delegate of the Nicaraguan Army
 - The National Committee can create any other Sector-led Work Commission, at the national or regional level.
 - Sector-led Work Commissions are coordinated by the Executive Secretariat

National System Executive Secretariat

- Entity in charge of overseeing compliance with principles, objectives and purposes of the National System
- It is the liaison office between the Executive Branch and different levels of organization (national, departmental/district, municipal) and sectors of activity.

National System Executive Secretariat ... contd.

- It coordinates the actions of Sector-led Work Commissions
- It is the technical body of the National Committee
- It is the technical body of the National Fund for Disasters

Technical Liaison Unities

- Article 8, Law 337: “Each institution or public entity shall designate an executive unity with its own human, technical and material resources, which will function as a technical liaison with the Executive Secretariat”



Technical Liaison Unities

Decree 118-2001: Reforms to the Rules of Law 290:

- The Technical Liaison Unity supports the Superior Direction to comply with the objectives and ends of SINAPRED
- It has functions both in the National System and the institutional framework

Technical Liaison Unities

In the National System framework:

- It takes part in the Disaster Operations Center (CODE)
- It is the liaison office between the Ministry and the SINAPRED Executive Secretariat
- It supports the Minister or its delegate at the Presidency of the Sector-led Work Commission
- It prepares the sector emergency plan, in coordination with the Sector-led Work Commissions
- It implements the actions coordinated at CODE

Technical Liaison Unities

In the institutional framework:

- It prepares the Institutional Emergency Plans
- It prepares and updates the inventory of institutional resources
- It coordinates and follows up the work of territorial delegates
- It plans the training activities of the institution personnel
- It coordinates exercises, mock drills and simulations

National System Committees across the territory

- Delegates of public institutions are represented in the Territorial Committees
- Territorial Committees are coordinated by the Mayor, the President Delegate for Governance or the Coordinator for Governance at regional level.
- Three territorial levels: municipal, departmental and regional

Municipal Work Commissions

- Security Commission
- Health Commission
- Humanitarian Supplies Commission
- Natural Resources and Environment Protection Commission
- Any other the Municipal Council deems necessary

National Fund for Disasters

- Law 337 creates the National Fund for Disasters.
- Annual National Budget allocates some money for the Fund.
- Although, Fund has not been yet regulated by the Ministry of Finance.
- Law 337 mandates that the resources of the Fund shall be at the disposal of the National Committee to face imminent risks or to attend to emergencies.

Disaster Operation Center (CODE)

- Article 32, Law 337: “Civil Defense of the Nicaraguan Army shall create a Disasters Operation Center (CODE). The Center will have all the necessary infrastructure, equipment and means to comply with the functions assigned to by the National Committee”.



Disaster Operation Center (CODE)

- Article 8, Decree 98-2000: CODE is a specialized and permanent structure, created and administrated by the Civil Defense of the Nicaraguan Army
- CODE Functioning Plan: Mission: “to facilitate the coordination of the SINAPRED institutions, to carry out an efficient and timely operation and response actions through an integrated decision making process at political and technical levels”.

Disaster Operation Center (CODE)

Organizational structure of CODE:

- Policy and Directives Level: National Committee, highest political authority of the National System, presided by the President of the Republic
- Coordination Level: Executive Secretariat of SINAPRED
- Administrative Level: Civil Defense of the Nicaraguan Army. Three working areas: Planning, Communications, Logistic and Administration.
- Operational level: 9 Sector-led Work Commissions

CODE Communications room



CODE analysis and information processing room



CODE operations room (Sector-led Work Commissions)



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CODE National Committee Room



SINAPRED building (Executive Secretariat, CODE and Civil Defense)



Legal base of the National System

- Law 337
- Decree 53-2000, June 12th, 2000 (rules of Law 337)
- Decree 98-2000, September 22nd, 2000 (rules for the assignment of functions to SINAPRED public institutions)
- Rules of Sector-led Work Commissions: approved by the National Committee in its XII Session, May 13th 2003
- Rules of the Municipal Emergency Brigades: approved by the Special Operations Commission

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