Project: Support for human rights defenders in remote areas of Nicaragua to combat gender violence (**UDF-16-737-NIC**)

This April 2, I start the project **"Support to human rights defenders in remote areas of Nicaragua to combat gender violence",** which will last for 2 years (April 2018 - March 2020). It aims to promote the human rights of women and prevent gender-based violence in eight rural municipalities of the department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

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The action will address 160 human rights defenders and 40 leaders of faith-based organizations (FBOs), civil society organizations (CSOs); and; provide direct and short-term support for 250 women victims / survivors of violence through judicial and psychosocial assistance, and advocate for proposals on policies and legal reforms through public dialogue, for the protection and promotion of the rights of women victims of Gender-Based Violence.

The project is a support agreement between the United Nations Fund for Democracy (UNDEF) and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as the executing agency, accompanied by the Specialized Center for Women's Attention (CEAMUJER), Nicaraguan NGO which specializes in addressing gender-based violence as a implementing partner.