

Press release #13
Results from June 18, 2020 to June 24, 2020
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In this stage during which the number of people with the disease continues to rise, it is the time to increase individual, family and community protections. We urge everyone to continue taking preventative measures such as physical distancing, hand washing and using masks.

If you can, stay home and save lives!

As of June 24, we report a grand total of **6,775 suspected cases verified by the Citizen Observatory in all departments and autonomous regions – in 134 municipalities (87% of the country's municipalities). This week we have registered 694 new cases which represents an 11% increase during this period.**

Managua (2,918), Matagalpa (687), Masaya (552), Leon (399), Estelí (325), Chinandega (272), Jinotega (208), Madriz (184), Granada (180), Carazo (169) and RACCS (153) are the departments or regions that are reporting the highest amount of suspected cases.

Up to June 23, the Ministry of Health (MINSa) has reported 2,170 confirmed cases, 607 active cases, 1,489 recovered and 74 deaths (a death toll of 3.4%). This death toll reaffirms the urgent need for the government to take measures to avoid transmission and count on detailed information that would to take informed actions to address the situation.

Of the 70 irregularities reported this week, **22 referred to exposure of people through group activities, 17 to an inadequate MINSa response and 10 to threats and retaliation.**

Until the June 24 we have reported and verified **1,878 deaths**, of which **129 (7%) can be categorised as deaths from pneumonia and 1,749 (93%) can be reported as suspected deaths from COVID-19.** These deaths have taken place across the 17 departments and autonomous regions in the country. Managua (722), Masaya (224), León (140) and Chinandega (118) report the highest amount of deaths. This week we have verified information on **189 new fatalities**, which

represents a **11% increase** on the number of deaths from last week.

These deaths are reported from 17 departments and autonomous regions and 110 municipalities (72% of the country's municipalities). The department of **Managua has registered 39% of all deaths, Masaya 12%, León 7%, Chinandega and Matagalpa 6% respectively and Granada, Estelí and RACCN 4% respectively.**

From these 1,878 deaths, 212 (11%) took place in people's homes and 18 (1%) during a transfer to a healthcare facility.

Until June 24, the Observatory received reports of **652 healthcare workers with associated or presumed COVID-19 symptoms. These were recorded across ALL departments or autonomous regions** (mainly Managua, León and Matagalpa) and 67 municipalities.

As of June 24, our data shows **78 suspected COVID-19 fatalities in healthcare workers.** Of these, 34 were doctors, 21 nursing staff, 11 administrative personnel, 3 medical visitors, 2 lab technicians and 7 categorised as 'other' (technical personnel, for example).

We received reports from 7 departments and/or autonomous regions of inadequate responses in different healthcare units. These reports, reports show:

- A shortage of potable water.
- A lack of ventilators.
- Rejection of donations to healthcare units where there is a need for supplies.
- Lack of communication with patients' relatives over their medical conditions.
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- Lack of electricity generators necessary to ensure the operation of essential medical kit for patients in a critical state (during constant electricity cuts).
- Little medical attention to hospital patients.
- Diagnosis of pneumonia to patients presenting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Use of neonatal ventilators for patients with COVID-19, putting babies with respiratory issues at risk.
- Lack of MINSA follow-up of COVID-19 contacts. The homes of COVID-19 patients are not being sanitised.
- Patients with suspected COVID-19 being sent home with treatment. There was a report of a patient who died hours after being sent home.

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Please find attached the (Spanish language) report from **18 to 24 June 2020**, developed by the Observatory:

Suspected cases reported by the Observatory	Deaths from pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 reported by the Observatory
6775	1878

** Suspected cases reported by the Observatory, deaths by pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 have been verified by a local information source.*

Cases confirmed by MINSA	Deaths reported by MINSA
2170	74

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