

NICARAGUA
ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES,
OPPORTUNITIES, AND THREATS

STRENGTHS	The main strengths of journalism and citizenship inside Nicaragua are the proper use of digital tools that allow the protection of people, and to exercise the rights to freedom of expression and of the press, as a means to inform and report on the abuses by the regime against journalism and citizens.
WEAKNESSES	The weaknesses focused on the fear by journalists, and people in general, to exercise the rights to freedom of expression and of the press in the midst of repressive laws, illegal operations by the authorities, and continuous attacks against citizens who think differently from the regime, in an atmosphere of violence and impunity against social communicators.
OPPORTUNITIES	Opportunities are scarce, but these mainly revolve around alliances among colleagues and the media, support networks, and the interest of citizens to remain informed and longing for freedom and democracy. In this context, digital platforms, journalism in resistance and citizen’s sources are major opportunities that must be seized to the fullest.
THREATS	There are many threats against freedom of expression, ranging from verbal attacks, police harassment, media shutdowns, confiscations of property, repressive laws, abusive authorities, and imprisonment of people who exercise freedom of expression. The state and para-state machine is designed to exert control over the citizenry and to prevent - in any way - the exercise of the right to freedom of expression.

