

### Nicaragua

#### Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, treats

<p><b>STRENGTHS</b></p>	<p>The courage of the men and women of the independent media and the citizens' demand for freedom of expression, as the experts point out with their examples, are strengths in the midst of the crisis. Another strength is the support of the international community, offered by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Press Association seeking the restitution of seized media assets.</p>
<p><b>WEAKNESSES</b></p>	<p>The main weaknesses of the lack of freedom of expression in Nicaragua are related to the absolute control of the executive environment over the judicial and legislative environments, which translate into strong (6.59) and very strong (7.02) influences, respectively, on unfavorable situations resulting in high restriction of freedom of expression in the country.</p>
<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES</b></p>	<p>The existing law of the land, which promotes free speech, represents an opportunity, as a reference that can influence the restitution of guarantees for the exercise of journalism.</p>
<p><b>THREATS</b></p>	<p>The conditions of impunity, lack of protection, intimidation, and hate against independent journalists fueled by government officials.</p>

