

**“Construction of a support center for pregnant women and mothers with children in early infancy in Madriz, Nicaragua”:** An initiative to promote maternal health, positive stimulation for children in early infancy, and the prevention of early childhood malnutrition.



## *Program*



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## INTRODUCTION

In 2015, the Nuria García Foundation signed a cooperation agreement with Fabretto for the **“Construction of a support center for pregnant women and mothers with children in early infancy in Madriz, Nicaragua** An initiative to promote maternal health, positive stimulation for children in early infancy, and the prevention of early childhood malnutrition with the goal to improve the health of pregnant women and children in early infancy through the promotion of health self-care and early stimulation in the northern rural area of Madriz, Nicaragua.

With the construction of the health center in San Jose de Cusmapa, Fabretto will have an improved ability to address nutritional issues of children from infancy to six years of age. Through Fabretto’s own food and nutrition program, the Center will provide the infrastructure and equipment to facilitate training and distribution to parents and families, particularly mothers to promote physical and cognitive development in infants and young children in Cusmapa and surrounding areas. Project execution will be in 2 phases:

1. Construction of a support center for women.
2. Health care measures for women – early stimulation and nutritional security for children

It is Fabretto’s honor to be able to carry out this work on behalf of the Nuria Garcia Foundation, and in honor of Nuria Garcia, the Center will carry her name in the future, “The Nuria Garcia Center for Mothers and Children.”

Fabretto is also now seeking donors and arranging volunteer support to man the center in 2016 to use the new construction to provide vital training and nutritional support services to mothers and families and their young children during 2016 and onwards.

This progress report includes the development of the first phase of the project implemented between May – June, 2015.

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER

### 1. Preparation of area for construction

Prior to the construction of the “The Nuria Garcia Center for Mothers and Children”, the first stage, including site identification, design, request for offers, and dismantling of an older, useless structure were carried out.



Dismantling the old structure.





Adding the new roof.





## 2. Construction

The project is now in the construction phase, which is expected to finish in late June 2015, or early July. At this time, the construction phase is on track to end the last week in June.

Once construction is complete, and all interior details have been finished, the next phase, equipment purchases and installation will begin. This is planned for the summer (July and onwards 2015).



Construction Progress.





Side view of the work.

