

“Providencia Sign Language [prz] (A language of [Colombia](#))

- **Population:** 19 (Washabaugh 1986). Known by most people on the island including 19 born deaf out of 2,500 to 3,000 population (Washabaugh 1986).
- **Location:** Providencia Island off Nicaraguan coast.
- **Language Status:** 8b (Nearly extinct).
- **Dialects:** Not exposed to other sign languages. East differs from west with some variation between villages.
- **Language Development:** No use of finger spelling.
- **Other Comments:** High deaf population probably caused by in-breeding. Deaf fairly well integrated into daily activities.”

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