

Cuba & Global Health Fact Sheet

Year of first international cooperation in health	1960 (Chile - earthquake disaster relief)
Year of first comprehensive medical cooperation	1963 (Algeria)
Total # of countries in which Cubans have volunteered since 1960	101
# of health professionals who have volunteered abroad since 1960	100,000
# of countries in which Cuban health professionals are working*	69**
# of Cuban health professionals working internationally*	29,809
% of those that are physicians	>70%
Country with the most Cuban personnel by region	South America: Venezuela Caribbean: Haiti Central America: Honduras Africa: Ghana Asia: East Timor
Average monthly stipend for Cuban health professional abroad	US\$150-200
Pieces of medical equipment repaired by Cuban technicians working abroad (1999-2006)	~ 55,000
# of countries participating in vision restoration program*	27
# of patients treated in vision restoration program*	317,489 (includes 69,000 Cubans)
# of countries to which Cuba has provided post-disaster medical care since 1960	14
# of Chernobyl children treated in Cuba thru 2006	>23,000
# of countries to which Cuba dispatched post-disaster medical teams 2005-2006	4 (Guatemala, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bolivia)
# of field hospitals equipped and staffed by Cuba in Pakistan	32
# of patients attended by Cuban doctors in post-quake Pakistan	>1.7 million
# of Cuban medical personnel in post-quake Pakistan	2,378
# of surgeries performed by Cuban doctors in post-quake Pakistan	14,506
# of countries with students at Havana's Latin American Medical School	29
# of students on full scholarships	8,705

*As of February 2007 (Source: Registros estadísticos de la Unidad Central de Cooperación Médica).

**Cuba and the Solomon Islands have signed accords in health cooperation, bringing the number to 70, but health professionals have not yet been posted.

For more information and in-depth analysis, please see **Cuba & the Global Health Workforce: Health Professionals Abroad**.

COUNTRIES WITH CUBAN HEALTH COOPERATION (Total 68)*

AMERICAS	AFRICA
Antigua & Barbuda	Algeria
Argentina	Angola
Aruba	Botswana
Bahamas	Burkina Faso
Belize	Burundi
Bolivia	Cape Verde
Brazil	Chad
Colombia	Congo
Costa Rica	Djibouti
Dominica	Equatorial Guinea
Dominican Republic	Eritrea
Ecuador	Ethiopia
Grenada	Gabon
Guatemala	Gambia
Guyana	Ghana
Haiti	Guinea-Bissau
Honduras	Guinea Conakry
Jamaica	Lesotho
Mexico	Mali
Panama	Mozambique
Paraguay	Namibia
Peru	Niger
St Kitts & Nevis	Nigeria
St Vincent & the Grenadines	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
St Lucia	Rwanda
Suriname	São Tomé & Príncipe
Trinidad & Tobago	Seychelles
United States	Sierra Leone
Venezuela	South Africa
	Swaziland
	Tanzania
	Uganda
	Zimbabwe
MIDDLE EAST	ASIA
Qatar	East Timor
Yemen	Laos
EUROPE	
Italy	
Switzerland	
Ukraine	

Source: Registros estadísticos de la Unidad Central de Cooperación Médica, 2006.

*Two countries have recently signed bi-lateral health accords with Cuba, which will dispatch health professional presently: Kiribati and Solomon Islands.

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