

# *President Dilma Rousseff Praises Work of Cuban Doctors in Brazil*

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Brasilia, February 28 (RHC)--Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff highlighted the work of Cuban health professionals that joined the program "More Doctors" and are rendering services in rural areas and special indigenous districts in this country.

"They are few but are changing in depth the way that health professionals work and the doctor-patient relation in the state of Rio Grande do Sul," said Rousseff in a Facebook post, commenting on an article about the Cuban doctors, published by the newspaper Zero Hora, in Porto Alegre.

She said that joining "More Doctors," which was implemented to change the approach of preventive medicine in Brazil, the Cuban doctors are simply dressed, do the cleaning in their houses and carry their own lunch in containers.

In her post, she describes that these doctors are systematic, delicate when treating patients and also like partying, as Brazilians do, and are breaking the barrier of prejudices and corporatism of professionals in this nation.

Entitled "Cuban Revolution in Health Centers," the article in the mentioned newspaper shows the daily activities of six Cuban women that are working in neighborhoods of this Brazilian southeastern city.

Their routine is the same as those of millions of workers, but there is a surprising aspect, the six women are doctors, the newspaper revealed.

These professionals represent a new character, which appeared in late 2013 in many communities and remote spots in the country, and keep humane exchange with their patients, something new here, the publication

said.

The women are part of the 285 Cuban doctors distributed throughout different municipalities in this state, in which 138 other Cuban specialists will arrive in March.

Cuban medical cooperation with Brazil was achieved after an agreement between the Pan-American Health Organization and authorities of this country was signed in July.

More than 7,000 Cuban doctors are rendering services so far in 2,000 municipalities and 128 indigenous districts in this South American nation.

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