

# *Strategic center in the training of future health collaborators*

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The neuralgic center that helps to prepare brigades of Cuban health personnel that travel to other nations to fight Covid-19 operates a perfect clockwork system.

The Central Medical Cooperation Unit of the Ministry of Public Health, located in Havana, hosted and prepared in just seven days the latest groups of doctors, nurses and health technicians, requested by other countries, mainly from the Caribbean, due to the advance of the global pandemic.

It's been demonstrated that the managers and workers of this Center have abundant resources as Cuba has 95,000 doctors and 84,000 nurses.

Cuba, with nine doctors per one thousand inhabitants, has one of the highest doctor to population ratios in the world, although the goal is to meet the requirements of other countries without neglecting local services.

With the new coronavirus pandemic, the Central Medical Cooperation Unit has worked with dedication and professionalism.

Its members prioritize the training of brigades by combining past experiences, acquired skills, achieved results, and competence in languages, among other aspects.

The 15 brigades that departed in recent weeks and, generally, the more than 50,000 Cuban collaborators serving in 67 nations today, have the advantage of their experiences in the fight against Ebola. Dr. Jorge Delgado, head of one of the Cuban groups that fought against Ebola in West Africa, leads the Central Medical Cooperation Unit.

Cuban doctors have also received training and have accurate and necessary tools to treat COVID-19.

In charge of training the medical personnel before they leave on their missions is the prestigious Pedro Kourí Tropical Medicine Institute, a renowned international institution, made up of highly competent personnel. They share their experiences with the Cuban doctors entrusted with such a valuable mission. The Medical Cooperation Unit, founded in 1998, guarantees compliance with the commitments made by the Cuban government in foreign assistance.

The Cuban medical brigades are made up of highly trained scientific and technical professionals, with ethical and moral principles and values, demonstrated in the most diverse and complex situations.

The Central Unit for Medical Cooperation plays an important role in the success of the medical missions because it represents a decisive contribution, an emblematic link in the solid chain that holds together the Cuban public health system.

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