

# *U.S. researcher says Cuba keeps surprising the world*

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**Researcher Tanalís Padilla**

Havana, Dec 27 (RHC) Tanalís Padilla, professor-researcher of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), recently highlighted that Cuba stands alongside powers such as the United States, United Kingdom, and China in the list of countries that developed their vaccine against Covid-19.

A message shared the day before on the social network Twitter by the account of the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB), mentioned the words of the researcher in the Mexican newspaper La Jornada, where she also pointed out that Cuba stands out for its high level of vaccination against the disease caused by Sars-Cov-2, only surpassed by the United Arab Emirates.

Padilla's text, entitled Cuban Vaccines, and World Inequity, also recognizes that the island was the first country to massively vaccinate children up to two years of age and highlights the great effectiveness of Cuban vaccines.

On the other hand, the author comments that the characteristics of the design of Cuban vaccines make them more feasible to vaccinate the world population, especially in poor countries.

In her analysis, the researcher states that global inequality allowed rich countries to acquire and administer surplus vaccines for their population, while poor countries were forced to wait.

Furthermore, the large pharmaceutical companies, in their eagerness to profit, blocked attempts to release the formulas of their anti-Covid-19 vaccines so that they could be mass-produced, Padilla denounces.

The U.S. blockade against Cuba forced the island to produce its own vaccine, she adds and denounces that the empire refused to relax, even minimally, "its inhuman sanctions at a time of unprecedented health emergency".

Under adverse conditions Cuba continues to surprise the world, Padilla affirms. "Its Covid-19 vaccines are another reminder of what can be achieved if you don't operate under capitalist logic," she concludes. (Source: ACN)

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