

*Overcoming obstacles and  
difficulties is possible*

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Havana, December 31 (RHC)-- After two complicated years, marked by the pandemic and the harsh blockade measures of the U.S. administration against Cuba, the country is gradually beginning to rehabilitate some of its hospitals, something that was appreciated during the tour made by President

Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez of sites of social and economic interest in Havana.

The "Joaquín Albarrán" Clinical-Surgical Hospital, located in El Cerro, and the "Eusebio Pérez" University Gynecobstetric Hospital, in Marianao, allow affirming that a colossal effort is being made in the midst of material shortages and also of medicines, a criterion endorsed in figures that reveal constructive actions in more than 1,700 objects of work in the capital and in 22 polyclinics.

The Cuban president arrived at the well-known 26 Clinic and during his tour of the facility he received an extensive explanation from the General Director of the institution, Dr. Mary Leydy Torres.

The good news is that the Emergency Guard Corps, partially closed for the last two years, has just been fully reopened there.

Emergency services in several wards, coronary, intensive and intermediate care, in addition to 24 assistance services and an increase in the number of beds, mean that this site is now fully operational to serve patients from the municipalities of La Lisa, Playa and Marianao, although due to its geographical position, it is being extended to other territories. The construction process has been comprehensive, gradual and continuous.

The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party toured part of the hospital, where 340 doctors and 272 nurses work, praised the distribution of services in the institution and acknowledged the effort made with fewer resources but with a greater willingness to do.

Afterwards, the Cuban president went to the University Gynecobstetric Hospital "Eusebio Pérez", in Marianao, known as the former Maternidad Obrera de La Habana (Workers' Maternity Hospital of Havana).

It is one of the largest centers of its kind in the country, and a national reference for the care of children weighing less than 1,500 grams at birth. They have managed to reduce the annual infant mortality rate per thousand live births and the construction process carried out has had visible results that have an impact on patient care and hospital stay.

In the Marianao Gynecobstetric Hospital, the delivery rooms and halls, the surgical units, the infrastructure for the care of health personnel, as well as the almost completely new Guard Corps, have been maintained.

Dr. Otto Recio Rodríguez, director of the hospital, gave an extensive explanation to the President about what has been done, and pointed out that the concept of challenging difficulties and overcoming them has inspired the collective.

The Cuban president's tour of sites of economic and social interest in Havana began very early in the morning with a visit to the "Juan de Dios Fraga" neighborhood, in the Arroyo Arena Popular Council in the capital's La Lisa municipality, a community where approximately eighty percent of its residents are men and women of science and which is sponsored by the BioCubaFarma Business Group.

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