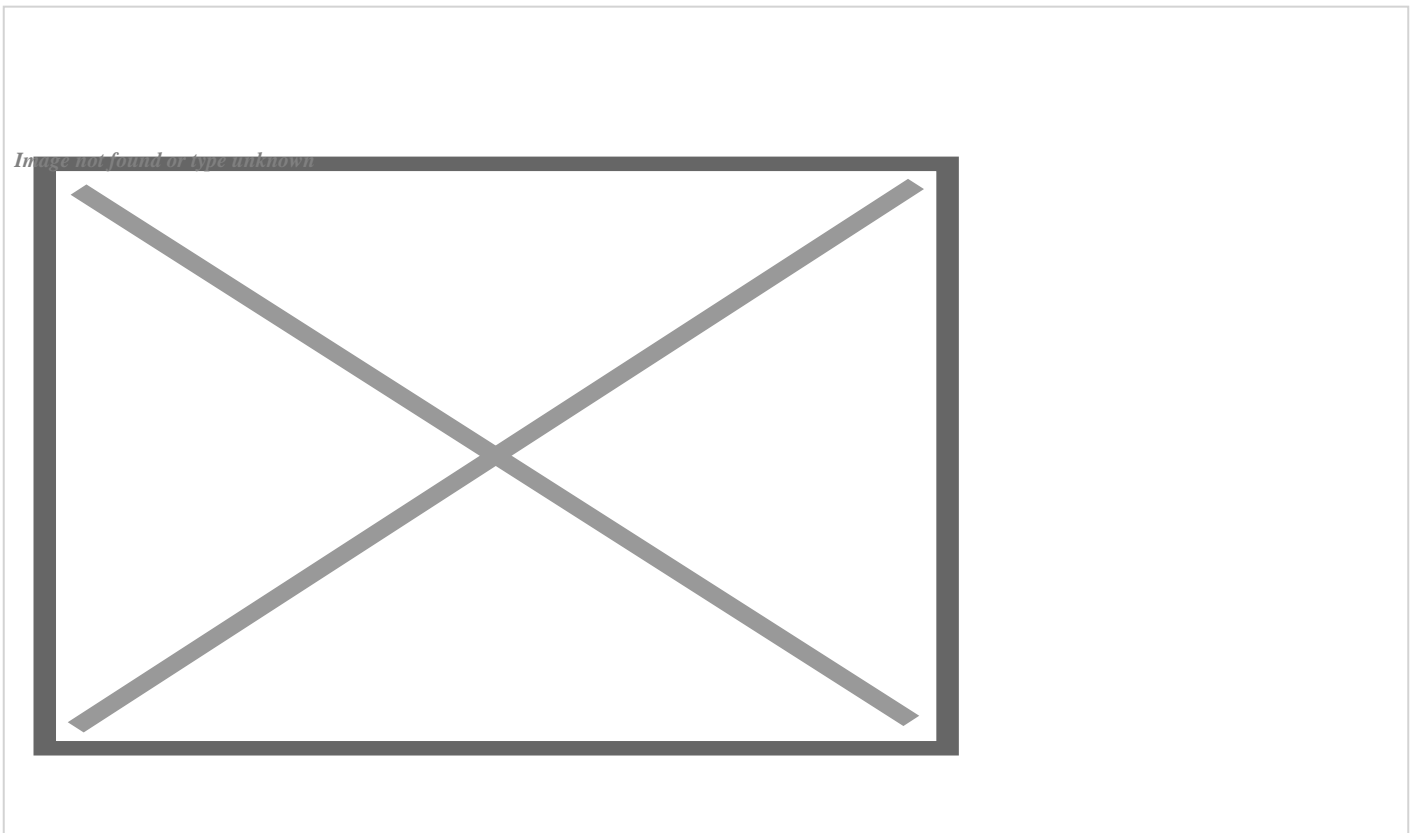


Cuba seeks to boost employment



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Cuban authorities are striving to boost employment and take care of young students and workers living in vulnerable circumstances.

Although Cuba suffers today from a difficult economic situation caused essentially by the U.S. blockade and the lack of access to international credit sources, it is possible to attend to the most precarious people with the scarce resources available.

To this end, the Policy for the Integral Attention of Children, Adolescents and Youths is being implemented, with emphasis on the transformation of individual situations and not on welfare.

In other words, if possible, government structures should insist on creating conditions for people, especially young people, in difficult environments or who have abandoned their jobs and studies, to return to them.

The increase of young people and people of other ages in the informal sector, where there are not all the protections and guarantees for the exercise of these tasks, does not go unnoticed.

In the opinion of officials of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, the approach to informality must be changed and the right established in the Labor Code must be respected.

Although the current difficulties of the country, with unchecked inflation, low purchasing power of salaries and production of goods below the needs make the attention to employment more complex, the State persists in doing so.

In this regard, the call for municipal job fairs, aimed at socializing the labor proposals of state companies, cooperatives and the private sector, stands out.

Of course, all of the above is part of the prioritized attention of the national government and the municipalities to the more than 1,200 vulnerable communities identified in the Caribbean archipelago.

With more than a few social problems, transformations are being promoted in these settlements, below the requirements due to the country's material limitations, but important insofar as they help to alleviate daily setbacks.

With a focus on people and families in fragile situations, the largest of the Antilles is in the process of gradually applying measures to correct what the government defines as distortions, to boost the economy, and to leave behind the present affectations to welfare.

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