

# *Cuba Exceeds Plan of Blood Donations*

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Havana, January 15 (RHC-PL) -- Cuba's blood donations exceed the estimates foreseen for two consecutive years, according to information published by the national media.

Dr. Luis Enrique Perez, head of the National Blood Program in the Ministry of Public Health (Minsap) stressed that more than 6.5 million Cubans between 18 and 65 years old are able to donate.

"About 340,000 people out of this number donate blood systematically, which represents about five percent of that potential," said the specialist.

Perez said that with each contribution, three lives are saved on average, noting that donations are of vital importance especially in cases of accidents and surgeries.

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