

# *Cuba guarantees the right of its citizens to health*

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Havana, September 12 (RHC)-- "Cuba is among very few countries in the world where the principles and values stipulated in the Declaration of Alma-Ata in Kazakstan in 1978 have materialized," said Dr. Cristian Morales, representative in Cuba of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), told Cuban News Agency.

His remarks were in the context of celebrations on Wellbeing Week in the Americas from September 8th through the 14th, sponsored by (PAHO/WHO).

The UN official further highlighted that the right to health in Cuba is guaranteed, and it is at the center of all the policies and programs of the public health system, with an emphasis on primary health care and the fight against inequalities.

Wellbeing Week began in 2011, an initiative inspired by Wellbeing Day in the Caribbean celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September. Given the increase in noncommunicable diseases worldwide, Wellness Week was launched with the purpose of mobilizing all institutions,

including local authorities, the public and private commercial sector, civil society organizations, and the public to make sure that the healthy choice is the easiest choice and thereby engender healthy lifestyles.

This year's campaign, with the theme 'Healthy Communities for All', marks the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Alma Ata, as well as the renewal of the health promotion movement in the Region of the Americas as a pathway toward health for all everywhere.

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