

# *Angolan authorities express appreciation for Cuba's medical assistance*

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Luanda, April 22 (RHC)-- Cuban healthcare professionals, most of them specialists in Comprehensive General Medicine (MGI), began to arrive in the provinces of Angola to join the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, according to local press reports in Luanda. The media has been covering of the arrival of brigade members in various provinces of Angola.

The over 250 members of the medical contingent began their transfer to outlying towns, after completing the health quarantine, which included carrying out laboratory tests to rule out being infected by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

According to Angola's Minister of Health Silvia Lutuca, the idea is to reinforce all the municipalities with Cuban experts, who will work in local clinics and help train health care personnel.

The daily newspaper Jornal de Angola, the largest in the country, covered the arrival of 13 doctors in the province of Huambo, some 600 kilometers southeast of Luanda. The Cubans will help strengthen local teams, according to the director of the Office of Health and spokesperson of the Provincial Commission against the COVID-19 pandemic, Lucas Nhamba.

Meanwhile, the Angolan news agency ANGOP reported that on Sunday, the 26th, another 15 Cuban specialists will arrive in the central province of Malanje, which has towns bordering the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Up to date, Angola has registered 24 COVID-19 cases, including two deaths, six recovered patients and 16 infected, who have been admitted to hospitals in Luanda.

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