

# *Cuban Medical Cooperation Benefits 120 Nations*

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Havana, May 24 (RHC) -- Cuban medical cooperation, which began over half a century ago, has benefited about 120 countries with 135,000 voluntary workers, pointed out Roberto Morales, member of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party (PCC) and minister of this sector.

Morales chairs the 67th World Health Assembly underway this week in Geneva, Switzerland, where he said that currently over 50,000 health professionals are offering their services in 65 nations, 25,000 of which are physicians.

Doctor Margaret Chan, director general of the World Health Organization (WHO), highlighted the upward development of health indicators in regions where Cuban medical collaborators operate.

In statements to Cuban media, Doctor Jose Luis Di Fabio, representative to Cuba of the WHO and the Pan-American Health Organization, praised these contributions and also described as invaluable the training of human resources, not only for the Cuban people but also for nations in need.

He underlined the training medical students from around the world at Havana's Latin American Medical School, free of charge. There some 15,000 physicians coming from the most vulnerable populations across the world, have graduated and returned to their countries to serve their communities.

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