

# *Cuban Health Workers in Venezuela Ready to Assist Victims of Floods*

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Caracas, July 6, (RHC), – Following devastating floods affecting the Venezuela state of Apure, the Cuban health workers in that nation have expressed their determination to assist the area and other regions affected by natural disasters.

The Cuban medical mission chief in Venezuela, Doctor Roberto Gonzalez, said that the over 30,000 Cuban health workers in that country are willing to offer their services anywhere.

The call to assist the residents of Apure State requested over one hundred specialists, including surgeons, medical doctors, anesthesiologists, pediatricians and nurses.

“We are jointly working with the government and health authorities in Venezuela and we have drawn up an emergency plan to minimize the damage of this kind of natural events,” said the doctor.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro recently declared the Paez municipality as zone of emergency and ordered the armed forces to protect and assist the victims of the natural phenomena by providing food and medicines.

More than 10,000 families have been damaged by the overflow of the Arauca and Sarare rivers in the State of Apure as a result of very heavy rains over the past days.

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