

Cuba Vive



Medical Aid Appeal

END THE BLOCKADE ON HEALTH

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US sanctions are depriving 11 million Cubans of vital medical supplies

Cuba Vive is an appeal to send life saving medicines, surgical supplies and other vital medical aid to Cuba

Cuba's commitment to health as a human right has helped the country achieve world-renowned services for its people despite 62 years of an illegal US blockade.

Today, these achievements are under threat. A combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, the global economic crisis, climate change, and 243 extra sanctions imposed by the Trump administration, including Cuba's inclusion on the US State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT) list, have taken a terrible toll on the health service.



A billboard reads: Twelve hours of blockade is equal in cost to all the insulin needed to treat the country's 64,000 patients for a year

Let Cuba Live

Cuba's dedicated health professionals struggle with limited resources to treat patients. From surgical supplies to spare parts, paracetamol to sutures, items readily available here are increasingly hard to source.

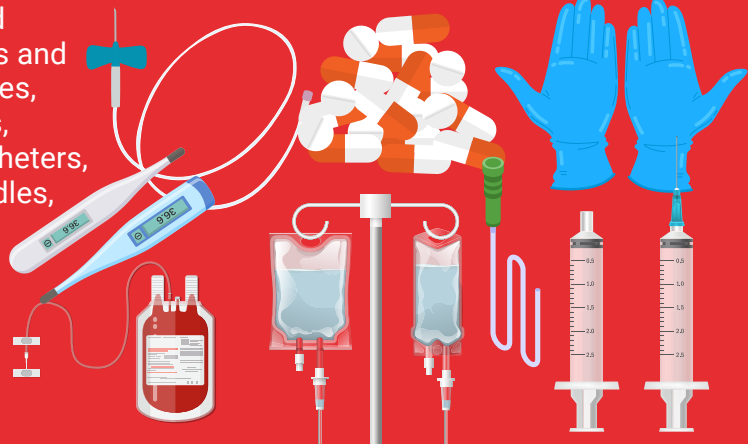
After leading the region for many years, Cuba's impressive health indicators are beginning to suffer. Between 2019 and 2022 the infant mortality rate rose from 5 per thousand live births to 7.5. These unprecedented shortages are costing lives.



Essential Medical Supplies Kit Help treat patients and save lives in emergencies

£350 will pay for a set of medical supplies for a hospital or clinic to help with daily treatment of patients. Each kit will contain:

Blood transfusion and infusion sets, syringes and needles, surgical gloves, clinical thermometers, intravenous drips, catheters, sutures, butterfly needles, dengue fever testing kits, paracetamol, hydrocortisone, antiseptic, iodine, and folic acid tablets for pregnant women.



**Help break the blockade on health.
Support the Cuba Vive medical aid
appeal and affiliate to CSC today.**

“ I have met mothers and fathers who see their children die from cancers that would be and could be treatable if it were not for the fact that Cuba cannot buy chemotherapy drugs from American companies. ”

Bob Schwartz, Global Health Partners, USA

☒ **Yes, I/We want to support Cuba Vive**

Here is our donation of £350 for one kit ☐ Or other amount £

We would also like to affiliate to the Cuba Solidarity Campaign (CSC) for £40 ☐ Total

We are already affiliated to CSC ☐

Please make cheques payable to Cuba Solidarity Campaign (Cuba Vive)

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☐ I'd also like to publicise the appeal. Please send me more copies of this leaflet. Quantity

Please return all forms and payments to the address below. To make a credit card, bank transfer or other form of payment please contact us on 0207 490 5715 or visit www.cubavive.org.uk/donate

“ The Cuban people are very grateful for every action of support. You show that the unjust and illegal policies of the US government cannot and will not be able to block solidarity. ”

Dr Santiago Badía González,
General Secretary, Cuban health workers union, SNTS



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Cuba Vive was launched by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign, UNISON North West, Northern, Northern Ireland and Scotland Regions, the Music Fund for Cuba charity, and Cuba's health union (SNTS) in January 2024. It builds on previous successful CSC appeals including Viva La Educación which delivered £100,000 of educational aid to Cuba in September 2023, and the COVID-19 Medical Appeal for Cuba which raised more than £150,000 for emergency medical supplies during the pandemic.