CUBA PAHO/WHO COUNTRY COOPERATION STRATEGY 2023-2027



INTRODUCTION

The Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) is the five-year strategic vision to guide technical cooperation actions, considering national health priorities, PAHO/WHO cooperation strategies, and the 2030 Agenda, with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Reaching its definition was the result of a process of dialogue and joint discussion between the PAHO/WHO technical team and officials at the highest technical and political levels of the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP); as well as with the directors of the eight PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers in Cuba. The consultation and subsequent dialogue also included academic, scientific and research institutions, agencies, funds and programs of the United Nations System (SNU) and various international health cooperation organizations.

ABOUT US

The WHO Country Office in Cuba was established in 1965. It belongs to CPCP typology C.
As of 2024, the office has 27 staff. Of these,1 is CPCP staff.
In the past biennium the total funding received by the country office was US$ 7,731,000 and the utilization rate was 100%.

PARTNERSHIP ENVIRONMENT

WHO collaborates actively with a range of development and humanitarian partners, and the United Nations Country Team (UNCT). The European Union, Spain, The UHC-P and Canada are among our partners.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Cuba has 15 provinces and 168 municipalities, with a population of 10,055,968 inhabitants and a marked aging trend; 24.4% of the total inhabitants are 60 years old or older (2023). In recent years, the economy has exhibited instability and slowdown in the GDP growth rate (SDG 8). Growth in the pre-pandemic period (2016-2019) was just 1.3% as an annual average, with GDP falling in 2019 for the first time in two decades. and a deep contraction of 10.9% in 2020, a slow recovery in 2021 and 2022 followed by another decline of -1.9 in 2023. Inflation rates are among the highest in the Latin American region. Despite these difficulties, the social sphere is a high political priority, expressed in the levels of social spending that represent more than 50% of public spending.

PROGRESS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES

The Cuban national health system is free of charge, accessible and with universal medical coverage. Life expectancy is 75.36 for men and 80.15 for women (2023). The infant mortality rate is 7.1 per thousand live births (2023). The maternal mortality rate is 38.7 per 100,000 live births (2023). It is important to highlight that the rate of mother-to-child transmission of HIV has been equal to or less than 2% and the conditions that accredited the country as the first to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV-AIDS and syphilis in the region are maintained. The country reaches immunization coverage levels of more than 95%, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Newborn Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Measles, Rubella and Parotitis remain eliminated.

KEY CHALLENGES

Some key health challenges in the country include increased of non-communicable diseases, mental health disorders and premature mortality; marked reduction in the birth rate and accelerated population aging process; strengthening the development of national capacities in the production of health technologies and the need to address the impact of social and environmental determinants of health on families,, considering the current economic crisis and its multidimensional impact,

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OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & DELIVERABLES



Impact of NCDs, decreased, improving the quality of life of all people. 01

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Evaluate and update the national NCD strategy.
- Technically and operationally update NCD control programs.
- Strengthen mental health services at the community level and support deinstitutionalization
- Develop and implement the Violence Attention Protocol.
- Provide technical advice to the National Commission for the management of addictions and the National Road Safety Commission
- Design and execute a Communication Campaign for the prevention and control of NCDs.
- Better information to improve availability, skill mix, and distribution of the health and care workforce.

Strengthened Health System, under the One Health approach, increasing its resilience 02

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Certify at least one type 1 emergency medical team.
- Establish a Baseline and investment projects for the Resilient and Smart Hospitals Initiative.
- Strengthen national capacities to maintain the basic capabilities of the IHR and its amendments, as well as compliance with the future pandemic treaty.
- Technically and operationally update the programs aimed at the elimination of communicable diseases.
- Strengthen the capabilities of the network of microbiology and molecular biology diagnostic laboratories.
- Implement integrated surveillance of communicable diseases under the One Health approach for prevention, preparedness and response, including the emergence of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Healthy aging promoted through the application of a life course approach. 03

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Expand the telecare model for older adults using the communication platform in provinces with a higher proportion of older people.
- Technically and operationally update the National Program for older adults.
- Contribute to the implementation of the National Action Plan for the Decade of Healthy Aging.

The PHC approach and integrated health service delivery networks strengthened for safe, quality and people centered care 04

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Strengthen the national node of the Virtual Public Health Campus and the continuing education of health personnel.
- Contribute to the improvement and dissemination of good practices and strengths of the Comprehensive Family Care Program.
- Strengthen the necessary basic competencies of the staff and the operational capabilities of the integrated health service networks for the implementation of the Maternal and Child Program, with emphasis on the first level of care.
- Scale the implementation of the Hearts Initiative in the 451 polyclinics and medical offices in the country and implement the escalation of the Hearts-D package at the first level of care.
- Evaluate the level of maturity of health information systems and formulate a National Digital Health Strategy and support the development of priority information systems, interoperability, data processing capacity and information analysis for decision making.

National capacities in the production of medicines, supplies and medical devices developed 05

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Develop and disseminate studies, and synthesis of evidence on products of health interest, particularly innovative products developed in Cuba.
- Establish alliances and contribute to strengthening national capacities to produce medicines and other essential health technologies.
- Support CECMED to achieve NRA status listed by WHO.
- Promote international alliances and mobilize resources for the execution of projects for the development of local production of medicines

Impact of social and environmental determinants on health, addressed 06

STRATEGIC DELIVERABLES

- Promote the incorporation of new municipalities to the Movement of Healthy Municipalities, Communities and Cities and the Global Network of Age friendly Municipalities and Communities, revitalizing the work of the national network.
- Develop the statutes and consolidate the national network of intersectoral work and social participation for health equity.
- Develop and implement the roadmap to address environmental determinants of health.

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