

U.S. doctors leave Haiti as Cubans expand care

With thousands in Haiti still in critical need of medical care, the U.S. government is pulling out the doctors it is responsible for. Meanwhile, the Cuban government is expanding its medical mission to Haiti and urging doctors from other countries to join it.

Since the earthquake, Cuba's Henry Reeve International Brigade, which has grown to about 1,430 medical personnel, has treated more than 95,000 Haitians and performed 4,500 surgeries. The medical mission is now focused on advancing the long-term health system in Haiti.

As Cuban President Raul Castro explained, Haiti doesn't need "a fleeting and sudden gesture of 'charity,' ...it requires and deserves a major international effort for its reconstruction."



Hear Odalys López Sarmiento, from the Asia-Pacific Division of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), speaking on Cuba's role in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake and its contribution to healthcare in the Pacific.

6.30 pm Monday 12 April
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