

SOLIDARITE LUXEMBOURG-CUBA ASBL

Non profit organisation



Why help Cuba?

Cuba is not like other poor countries.

Despite a very difficult economic situation it has chosen to give free education to all its children and provide free medical care for all its people.

Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba is an NGO (non-government organisation) which undertakes cooperation projects with Cuba.

Its priorities are public health, education and alternative sources of energy.

Joint financing from the Luxembourg Ministry of Cooperation

The aim of the association is to promote solidarity with the people of Cuba and to play a part in its development, with regard to education and public health, technical assistance and humanitarian aid.

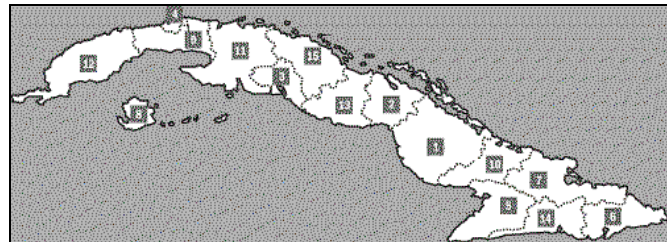
Our status as an NGO means that the donations we receive from individuals who share our objectives are augmented by contributions from the State of Luxembourg.

The association

The association was founded by men and women of various political and philosophical persuasions. We appreciate the alternative model that Cuba represents and we are all motivated by the idea that Luxembourg, the richest country in the world, cannot remain indifferent to the danger that the social achievements Cuba has built within a generation, will decline or even be wiped out. It is a fact that in terms of education and public health, Cuba is way ahead of countries with a comparable growth national product.

Will this still be true tomorrow?

Cuba is undoubtedly rich in human resources, but poor in natural, mineral and energy resources. In the absence of external investment, it will be very difficult for these human resources to achieve their full potential value.



After more than 45 years of the economic blockade imposed by the USA, in 1989 came the additional blow of the collapse of trading links with its former Eastern block partners. From one day to the next, Cuba then lost most of its export opportunities and more than 70% of its imports. Without the oxygen foreign energy supplies and without new markets, there is a danger that the country will asphyxiate.

Cuba needs us.

Every year, the developed countries invest aid in the Third World in order to provide the basic essentials of life worth describing as human. However they do not react when preventing the decline of the same social achievements is at issue in a little country which has succeeded in providing these essentials for its whole population but has not made the political choices that match the mood of the times.

Our association was founded to support the people of Cuba.

**To join, please transfer 15 € to Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba's account
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Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba's Projects

Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba essentially funds projects which build on Cuba's own resources and which ensure sustainable development.

Our preferred areas of involvement are public health, education and alternative energies. Because of the high level of qualifications among the Cuban people in general, and in our partner organisations in particular, projects in Cuba are carried out very effectively and reliably.

Health:

Equipment for a Havana maternity hospital

Ramón González Coro Hospital is the biggest and best known maternity hospital in Cuba. Our project consists of providing medical equipment for the care of premature babies and for micro-surgery, and the complete renovation of part of the hospital.



Raw materials for the pharmaceutical industry

Cuba's pharmaceutical industry is thriving enough to be able to make 90% of basic essential medicines... as long as the necessary raw materials are available. This project, involving 12 European countries, aims to ensure supplies of raw materials for pharmaceuticals manufacturing which are difficult to obtain in the international market because of the blockade and the scarcity of foreign currency.



Education:

Nursery and Primary school at Güira de Melena, Havana province.

The school has 431 pupils, but only 10 classrooms so that some lessons take place in the school yard or in the corridors. The aim of this project is to refurbish the school, build new classrooms and a kitchen.

Alternative energies :

Electrification projects using solar panels in the mountains of the Sierra Maestra (south-east Cuba).

El Jigüe secondary school

The solar panels which have been installed provide enough electricity to light the whole school including its boarding facilities and to power televisions, computers and refrigerators.

In this same region, Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba has also brought an electricity supply to 17 medical dispensaries and a little mountain hospital.

Cubans' experience and know-how with this technology could provide the solution to many problems elsewhere in the Third World.



Environment: A reforestation project is in progress at San Antonio del Sur, in Guantánamo province. This region is affected by low rainfall and wind erosion of the soil.

With your help, Cuba can maintain its social achievements.

Solidarité Luxembourg-Cuba works exclusively with voluntary projects.

That's why your entire donation will reach the people of Cuba.

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