

## Health care is a right — not a tool for political gain

In July 2022, activists of the Hatuey Project delivered vital medicines — pre-natal vitamins and other essential items — to **Cuba's 133 homes for at-risk pregnant women**. Cuba has a remarkable network of maternity homes with doctors and nurses who provide special attention to pregnant women who need daily monitoring and care to assure a safe delivery.



*Women receiving quality care at the Leonor Pérez Cabrera Maternal Home in Old Havana municipality.*

In August 2022, the Hatuey Project brought critical medication to burn patients. When lightning caused a massive fire at an oil tanker base in Matanzas province, killing 15 firefighters and wounding dozens of people, we conducted an emergency drive. With donations, we delivered almost **\$20,000 of vital burn medications and medical supplies** to help Cuba's doctors in their care for the patients.

With an export license, we deliver medicines that are otherwise blocked by the United States government's policies.

**With your continued help, we can continue to provide support to the Cuban people.**

## How to Help: Donate

We are an all-volunteer organization. All donations are tax-deductible and go towards acquiring medicines and transporting medical supplies.



### Healthcare workers: Get involved!

There are many avenues for health professionals to join us in this work. Health providers are a critically important voice to educate our co-workers and colleagues about the harmful effects of the blockade imposed on the Cuban people, as well as to reach out to medical institutions and pharmaceuticals for much needed medical aid.

You don't have to be a medical worker to help, all are welcome!

Fill out our interest form at [bit.ly/hatueyinterest](https://bit.ly/hatueyinterest)

**Health Advocates in Truth, Unity and Empathy**



*Hatuey Project delivering emergency medicines for burn patients to the Cuban Red Cross, Havana, August, 2022.*

## The Hatuey Project

Health Advocates in Truth, Unity and Empathy

*Health providers and activists in active solidarity with the Cuban people against the U.S. blockade*



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# A long and powerful tradition

There is a long tradition of resistance and solidarity against the U.S. government's cruel and criminal economic policy against Cuba.

In 1994, activists who are today part of Hatuey traveled to Cuba to deliver \$2 million worth of Insulin. This life-saving medicine covered the needs of the country's 57,000 Insulin-dependent residents at a time when the blockade was tightened by U.S. law against the island.

With the onset of the COVID pandemic, various humanitarian groups joined together to help Cuba overcome the extra hardship amidst the necessary closing of tourism, Cuba's number one source of income. As the population underwent massive vaccination with Cuba's own COVID vaccines, many U.S. organizations took part in an international campaign to provide millions of syringes/needles for Cuba's vaccinations.



Today, thanks to Cuba's national healthcare system and its vaccines, the country enjoys a 95% COVID vaccination rate, resulting in only one death between May 16 and September 21 this year.

# Opposing the U.S. blockade with solidarity

We are health providers and social justice activists in the United States who have come together to help Cuba break through the devastating effects of the U.S. economic blockade.



*Ready to distribute the prenatal vitamins and other medicines to maternal homes in Cuba, July, 2022.*

Cuba's remarkable health care and scientific/biotechnology systems are fully capable of serving the 11+ million people on the island and of providing excellent quality, universal and free care to everyone. But the U.S. government's blockade — opposed by virtually every country in the world — makes it nearly impossible for Cuba to access the medical supplies it needs to provide for the people.

We oppose the blockade and act in solidarity with the Cuban people by helping to get vital medicines and equipment to the island.

Health care is a right and should not be used as a tool to punish the Cuban people.

We invite you to join our project and make a real difference!



## Who is Hatuey?

The Hatuey Project honors the Taino chief Hatuey, lived under Spanish occupation in what is now Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He took 400 men by canoe to Cuba and led a resistance against the Spanish genocide of the Indigenous people.

Hatuey was captured by the Spanish on Feb. 2, 1512 and burned at the stake in eastern Cuba. He is known as one of the first resisters to colonialism in the Americas.

An Apr. 6, 1960 memo from U.S. official Lester Mallory soon became what is now the essence of U.S. policy for more than 60 years: **"Most Cubans support Castro... The only possible way to make the government lose domestic support is by provoking disappointment and discouragement through economic dissatisfaction and hardships ... Every possible means should be immediately used to weaken the economic life (...) denying Cuba funds and supplies to reduce nominal and real salaries with the objective of provoking hunger, desperation and the overthrow of the government."**