

HAVANA, Cuba, July 8 (acn) Almost 1.2 million people from 32 Latin American and Caribbean countries, including 152,000 Cubans, have benefited from the Operation Miracle free eye surgery program, implemented by Cuba four years ago. The announcement was made on Monday by Dr. Elia Rosa Lemus, an official of the Cuban Council of State, speaking at the Health and Sports Commission of the Cuban Parliament.

Lemus noted that this humanitarian project, which is part of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA), aims at treating – free of charge – people affected by blindness or correctable diminished sight.

According to Dr. Lemus, the program has 51 ophthalmological centers and 84 surgical positions in more than 30 countries.

In 2008 alone, she added, the program has benefited more than 48,000 Cubans.

In addition, Lemus stressed, Cuba has a school of ophthalmology in which almost 1,000 youths are currently studying, which will contribute to increase these ophthalmological services to other peoples in need.

The 12 permanent working commissions of the Cuban National Assembly (Parliament), constituted with a provisional nature last May, are in session on Monday and Tuesday at Havana's Convention Center.

Each commission discusses specific topics related to the social and economic life of the country.

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