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Since 1994, the Commission has been actively engaged in addressing the most pressing needs of the Cuban population. In 2024-2025, it released close to EUR 10 million to provide lifesaving health services country-wide, and emergency relief to hurricane-stricken communities.

As an immediate response to the steadfast deterioration of the humanitarian crisis in 2026, the Commission has allocated additional EUR 6 million for humanitarian aid actions, including the provision of logistic support to humanitarian agencies to mitigate the impact of the energy crisis on food and drinking water distribution and health services¹. The implementation is closely monitored to ensure the assistance reaches the neediest, timely and effectively. The Commission stands ready to increase its support in this crisis and operates in strict compliance with the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence. The EU aid is channelled exclusively through vetted, specialised humanitarian partners, including UN agencies and international non-governmental organisations.

The Commission and the European External Action Service are closely monitoring the impact of the announced measures on EU economic operators in Cuba. The Commission will continue to underline the important contribution that EU economic operators can make to Cuba's economic development, irrespective of the scenario that emerges in coming months. In parallel, the Commission will continue to emphasise the need to safeguard the rights of EU economic operators' rights and the integrity of bilateral commercial interests.

¹ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-releases-additional-eur2-million-humanitarian-aid-cuban-population-2026-04-01_en.