

# *Cuba-trained South African medical students welcome back in their country by Vice President David Mabuza*

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Johannesburg, July 7 (RHC) — Vice President David Mabuza of South Africa welcomed 260 Cuban-trained medical students back to in their country.

Mabuza also heads the Human Resource Development Council of South Africa, which looks into issues of human capital and skills development.

“The return of these students adds to the much needed pool of qualified doctors that will contribute to a better health for the country and its population,” said a statement from the South African presidency released on Friday.

It noted that the students will complete their final sixth-year studies and integration into the South African health system, as part of the Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro medical collaboration program.

South Africa and Cuba have maintained longstanding diplomatic relations since 1994 that resulted in various bilateral agreements on public health including the training of hundreds of South African medical students in Cuba.

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