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Preface

This study forms part of the ongoing research undertaken within the framework of the World Employment Programme of the ILO. The basic objective of this research is to contribute to the solution of employment and poverty problems, particularly in developing countries. The rural component has comprised studies on poverty, alternative agrarian systems, access to food, women workers, organisations of the rural poor, participation, migration and labour markets. The present study on the living standards and work patterns of labour in rural Cuba, part of a series of case studies, touches on several of these themes. It is based on a three-week field visit to Cuba made by the authors in February 1985.

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