

Job applications increase in Pedro Betancourt

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PEDRO BETANCOURT.- A total of 604 people without employment ties approached the Labor Directorate of this municipality in January in search of job offers, as a result of the implementation of the ordering task.

According to Yamilka Hernández Torres, director of Labor in the territory, 409 people have already joined their new positions, of which 148 have taken up self-employment and 261 have taken up state employment.

The Tobacco Collection and Benefit Company, the Security and Protection Company, the Municipal Health and Community Services Directorate are the entities with the largest number of locations; while in the Department of Employment there are still other options related to construction, isolation centers, Railways, courses of the MININT and the Electricity Company, as well as the delivery of land in usufruct.

Vania Santander Martínez is one of the Betancurenses satisfied with her position in the territory's isolation center:

"Although the current epidemiological situation harms us all, this place not only offers us the opportunity to work, but also to support the country in the fight against the pandemic."

However, others do not find the right offer. Such is the case of Marlén Cusco Concepción, who attends the Labor Directorate up to twice a week, but the existing options are not adjusted to his possibilities.

"I am divorced and I really want to work, but I can't do it in construction, or as a custodian because I have my five-year-old granddaughter under my care," she confesses.

Idoris Cristina Ruiz Monteagudo is in a similar situation, who has also valued different positions, but in some cases her health conditions and in others the particularities of the organizations, where the positions remain frozen, have prevented her from getting a job.

"After the agency where I worked closed my contract, I have not stopped searching, but my age limits me; and although I am a psychometrics technician, there is no longer any place in the territory,"she explains.

Every day more people arrive at this office, where Regla Iselda Hernández, Senior Employment Specialist in the Municipal Labor Directorate comments that the 210 applicants who have not accepted any of the offers allege reasons such as physical limitations to perform certain tasks or the impossibility of opt for jobs far from home by having minors under their care.

"Many have not worked for a long time and now they come desperately looking for a position, but sometimes it is not in our hands since some entities have frozen positions due to budget difficulties."

However, the Cuban State does not abandon the people, hence one of the greatest challenges of the current ordering task is the generation of jobs, especially in the productive sphere, an economic and social strategy that aims to promote the economy and coping with the global crisis caused by covid-19.