

# *Venezuela Hands Out 675,000 Homes Over Past Four Years*

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Caracas, January 9 (RHC-teleSUR) -- The government of Venezuela has built and handed out 675,991 homes in the last four years, Minister of Housing and Habitat Ricardo Molina confirmed Wednesday.

At the start of 2015, Venezuela handed over 700 apartments in different states to hundreds of families.

Upon his return following visits to Russia, China and with the member countries of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), President Nicolas Maduro will announce more of the government's strategies to continue the construction of homes as well as other government objectives this year.

The Great Venezuelan Housing Mission (GMVV) began in 2010 under the leadership of former President Hugo Chavez to provide homes for families affected and displaced by landslides from heavy rains. Since its introduction, the program expanded to resolve Venezuela's housing deficit.

Through the program, families are provided with the houses – equipped with all appliances and furniture – and the titles to the property free of cost.

On Wednesday, Secretary of Housing in the state of Aragua, Ramon Vina, confirmed that in 2015 GMVV will construct 14,019 homes in the coastal state alone. The mission will provide homes for families that

reside near Lake Los Tacariguas due to the rising water level.

Venezuelan Vice President of Economics, Rodolfo Marco Torres, said that 2015's budget will prioritize social programs and guarantee the necessary resources for the GMVV to meet the needs of the greatest number of families possible.

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