

# *Over 9,000 Venezuelans register for repatriation plan*

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Caracas, October 17 (RHC)-- Over 9,000 Venezuelan migrants from around Latin America are registered with the Plan Vuelta a la Patria, according to the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs.

A total of 9,231 people will return from Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Chile and Panama, the ministry announced from its official Twitter account.

A three-step process, the Plan Vuelta a la Patria (or the Return Home Plan) requires participants to register prior to arranging state-funded transportation and a re-initiation into the Bolivarian social system.

So far, Brazil has seen the greatest exodus of migrants with 6,413 Venezuelans returning home, followed by Ecuador and Peru, both with just over 560 people.

The Return Home Plan, which Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro introduced on August 4, envisages that returning Venezuelans can be reINSERTed into the life they left with the help of various national social programs.

On returning home, participants are asked to share their reasons for returning to Venezuela. According to a survey, 60 percent returned home due to economic difficulties, 47 percent were greeted with xenophobia while abroad, and health concerns and unaffordable medical care brought at least 12 percent

back to Venezuelan soil.

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