



# WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

Migration trends have changed significantly over recent months, with rapidly increasing numbers of protection-seeking Venezuelans arriving in the U.S. in search of a safe haven now exceeding that of migrants and asylum seekers from Central America and Mexico. Check-out the [first](#) and [second](#) parts of and interview where my colleague [Adam Isacson](#), Director for Defense Oversight at WOLA, and I discuss how U.S. and regional policies and strategies need to better adapt to these new scenarios.

Also this week, you can [watch a compelling discussion](#) with top experts and organizations at the border on the need for more accountability for U.S. border patrol agents responsible for human rights abuses and the presentation of a [new book](#) by Socorro Ramírez and Ligia Bolívar analyzing human rights at the Colombia-Venezuela border.

This and much more in today's WOLA Weekly.

Warm regards,


[Maureen Meyer](#)

Vice President for Programs

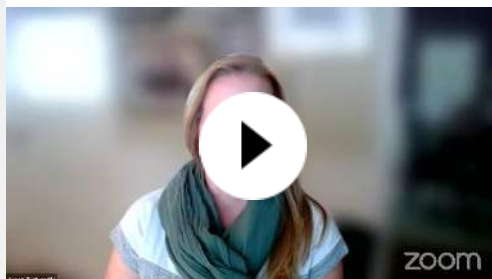


## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇨🇴 🇺🇸 In the [first](#) of a two-part interview, WOLA experts reflect on the latest trends in migration to the United States, the consequences of the U.S. focus on reducing the number of migrants and asylum seekers arriving at the border over the rebuild of the asylum system and other limitations of U.S. migration policies.
- 🇨🇴 🇺🇸 In the [second part](#), experts reflect on the need for a regional approach to migration in the Americas, the effectiveness of government policies to date and the challenges ahead.
- 🇺🇸 While U.S. donation of 95 vehicles to Guatemala seems innocuous, the timing of this grant is unfortunate. Beyond concerns with the Guatemalan military's human rights record that go back at least to 1954, in this [analysis](#) we present six reasons why this military-aid transfer is ill-advised right now.

-  Read the latest [statement](#) looking into the \$2 million U.S. emergency relief to support the Cuban people after hurricane Ian.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



WOLA's Director for Defense Oversight, Adam Isacson, led a [discussion](#) with top experts and organizations at the border on the need for more accountability for U.S. border patrol agents responsible for human rights abuses.

## LEARN MORE

### Struggling to Survive: the Situation of Asylum Seekers in Tapachula, Mexico

By: Stephanie Brewer, Leidy Tejeda, and Maureen Meyer  
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A WOLA report, published in June 2022, highlights the situation of asylum seekers in Tapachula, Mexico, including the **abuses, arbitrary treatment, and the steep obstacles** they face.

[Read the Report](#)

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## WOLA IN THE NEWS



**Maureen Meyer**  
Vice President for Programs



*"The U.S. reliance on Mexico for its migration enforcement has become so great that "everything else gets shaded by that migration lens, and it has probably complicated more tough conversations about Mexico's human rights record."*

**Foreign Policy** "[Washington Is Eroding Asylum at the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)"

## JOB OPENINGS

WOLA seeks an assistant to support two programs; **Cuba and Drug Policy**! They will provide administrative support to the Directors and their programs with event planning, booking travel, clerical duties, database management, webinars and in-

person meeting support, and other logistical support. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**The Spring 2022 Internship is now open for applications!** It will be hybrid, meaning all interns are expect to come into the office at least half of the time they work. WOLA will follow all public health guidance and revert back to hybrid if needed at any time. Interns that would like to be considered for a virtual internship should specifically request so in their cover letters. **Application Deadline:** November 30, 2022. We will look at resumes on a rolling basis. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Support the Sally Yudelman Internship Program

At WOLA, Internships are critical to arming future generations of advocates with the necessary skills to champion human rights and social justice work in their careers. Please [consider contributing to WOLA's internship program today!](#)



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