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.
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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**

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.

**CLICK TO READ THE LATEST BORDER UPDATE**

**WOLA IN THE NEWS**

"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.""

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*Foreign Policy* "Washington Is Eroding Asylum at the U.S.-Mexico Border"

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