

WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

Friday, June 2, 2023

(Adam Isacson/WOLA)

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

A month ago, a team of WOLA experts visited Honduras and traveled to both the border with Guatemala to the north and the border with Nicaragua to the south. While historically Honduras has been a departure point for migrants, the country is increasingly a stopover for people from around the globe on their way to the U.S. Yet the dynamics in the country rarely make headlines here.

Our report "[Halfway to the U.S.](#)" takes a look at the Hondurans who are migrating, the migrants who are passing through, and those who are deported back from other countries. We hope you enjoy the [read](#).

As Mexico City becomes a bottleneck for migrants and asylum seekers, I teamed up with our multimedia producer, Sergio Borbolla, to produce an [audiogram](#) with the words of Hermana Magda, who runs a shelter called CAFEMIN. We will have more on that visit in coming weeks. *This audiogram is in Spanish.*

And finally, this week WOLA's Adam Isacson interviewed Stephanie Brewer and John Walsh in his [latest podcast](#) about the challenges fentanyl poses and what it means for U.S. drug policy and the U.S. relationship with Mexico.

All this and more in this week's WOLA Weekly.



Milli Legrain
Editorial Director

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

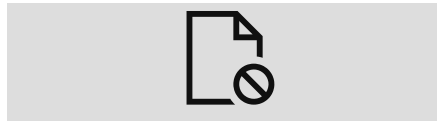
- **HN** From April 26-May 4, WOLA staff traveled to Honduras to better understand what is happening at key stages of the migration route. Learn more in: [Halfway to the U.S.: A Report from Honduras on Migration](#).
- **HN** This week, WOLA joined several human rights organizations in a [statement](#) calling on Honduras' National Congress to abide by the Constitution with regards to the upcoming appointment of the attorney general.
- **MX** 🇲🇽 Last week, WOLA spoke to Hermana Magda Rentería at the migrant shelter for women and girls that she runs in Mexico City. She [called for](#) more humane migration policies and support from authorities, following recent overcrowding. *This audiogram is in Spanish.*
- 🇺🇸 On behalf of WOLA, we would like to [congratulate](#) Senior Fellow, Dr. Jo-Marie Burt, for her new leadership position as president of LASA's executive council!



(Sergio Ortiz Borbolla/WOLA)

In a recent trip to Mexico City, WOLA staff observed severe overcrowding at shelters for migrants and asylum seekers, resulting in many sleeping on the streets.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



In a recent episode of [Latin America Today](#), Adam Isacson interviews WOLA's Director for Drug Policy, John Walsh, and Director for Mexico, Stephanie Brewer, about the challenges that fentanyl poses and the demand for a fundamental rethinking of the U.S. approach to illicit drugs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Desinformación y Migrantes: ¿Qué está pasando en el tapón del Darién?



Oscar Sulbarán
Periodista y productor audiovisual venezolano nacido en Panamá.



Carolina Jiménez
Venezolana presidenta de la Oficina de Washington para asuntos latinoamericanos (WOLA).



Eliás Cornejo
Coordinador de Promoción Social y atención a poblado migrantes de Fe y Alegria, Panamá.

MODERADOR
Andrés Cañizález

Martes 6 de junio a las 6:00 P.M.



U.S.-MEXICO WEEKLY BORDER UPDATE



WOLA Border Oversight

Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas | Monitoring Conduct and Accountability in U.S. Border Law Enforcement

In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-a-kind [Border Oversight Database](#), which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

WOLA IN THE NEWS



Carolina Jiménez Sandoval
WOLA President

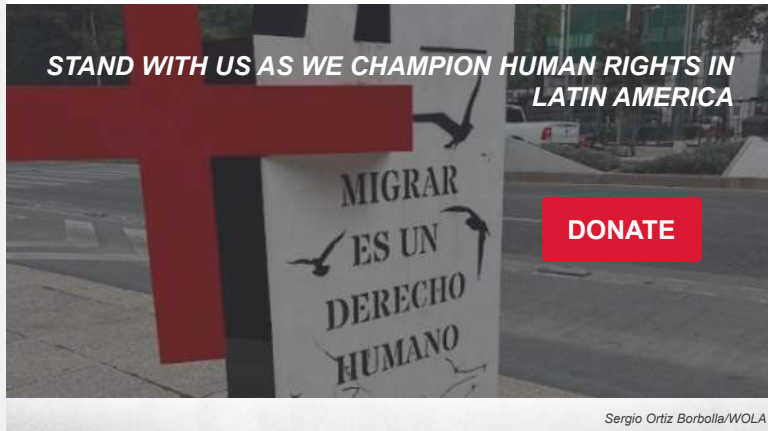


"Serious violations of [human rights] are not a 'narrative'. The pain of the victims is not a 'narrative'. The opening of the investigation into #Venezuela by the ICC is not a 'narrative' [...]" *This article is in Spanish.*

– *Efecto Cocuyo*, [¿No hay autoritarismo en Venezuela, sino una narrativa construida?](#)

JOB OPENING

♦ WOLA is looking for its next **Program Assistant for the Central America Program**, which seeks to promote comprehensive reforms to address the root causes of migration and ensure effective and accountable governments in Central America. Learn more [here](#).



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