PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador and CNN journalist Alejandra Oraa to visit Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Ecuador and Peru

Quito and Lima, May 10, 2019—Journalist Alejandra Oraa, will be in Ecuador and Peru next week as a guest of UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and UNAIDS,

Oraa, who received her fourth Emmy Award this month, is a recognized figure throughout Latin America for her work on some of the most popular television shows in the region (Café CNN, Destinos). She is also a UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador and has been recognized for supporting the promotion and understanding of gender inequalities and HIV vulnerability, with a focus on human rights and the visibility of women and young girls.

During her visit from May 12 to 16, Oraa will meet with refugees and migrants from Venezuela and learn first-hand, about the work being done in Ecuador and Peru to respond to their most urgent needs and to support initiatives to combat intolerance and xenophobia.

According to the UN, by April 2019, some 3.7 million Venezuelans had left their country as a result of the political, economic, social and humanitarian situation. With rising numbers, the needs of refugees and migrants from Venezuela and the communities that host them continue to increase. By April 2019, it was estimated that there were 7,700 Venezuelan migrants living with HIV in need of antiretroviral treatment.

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