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UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie carries out mission to Peru

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UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie is carrying out an official visit to Peru this week. Peru is one of the countries most affected by the surge in Venezuelan refugees and migrants - the largest movement of people in Latin America's recent history.

Following up on the UN High Commissioner for Refugees recent visit to the region, Jolie is undertaking a 3-day mission to assess the humanitarian needs of Venezuelan refugees and the challenges facing Peru as a host country, and to discuss the possible regional responses to the crisis.

During her mission, the Special Envoy will meet refugees, representatives of the Government of Peru, and organisations contributing to the humanitarian response. She will visit programmes providing protection and assistance to asylum seekers, refugees and host families, and observe Peru's generous response to Venezuelan refugees and migrants.

The Special Envoy focuses on major displacement crises, representing UNHCR and the High Commissioner at the diplomatic level. The Special Envoy Jolie last visited Latin America in 2012, for a mission to Ecuador, her third visit to meet then Colombian refugees in the region.