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## **HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE DEPLOYS TEAM TO ASSESS PERU EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND RELIEF EFFORT**

### **Local group assessing the possibility of coordinating a volunteer relief project**

**CARLISLE, MA 8/20/07** – Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a volunteer-driven 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, has dispatched a team to assess the devastated southern desert region of Peru. A magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck the country on August 15, killing over 500 people and causing significant damage to infrastructure and homes.

Upon arrival, the HODR assessment team will tour the affected area, meet with local officials and survivors and work in conjunction with other NGOs in an effort to identify and evaluate the needs facing the region. Once the assessment team establishes an internet connection, they will begin to post updates on what they learn and find. Updates will be posted on HODR's website [www.hodr.org](http://www.hodr.org).

Should HODR decide to deploy and coordinate a volunteer relief project we will immediately begin accepting donations and volunteers. We rely on the support of our donors to run successful relief projects. All funds donated to HODR go directly towards these efforts. Please give generously to support our volunteers and the people they assist. Anyone interested in making a tax deductible donation can do so securely on our website [www.hodr.org](http://www.hodr.org).

For additional information on HODR's Peru Earthquake assessment please visit [www.hodr.org](http://www.hodr.org) or contact Paula Ogletree at 706-476-0310 or [paula@hodr.org](mailto:paula@hodr.org).

**ABOUT:** Hands On Disaster Response is a US-based, volunteer-driven, 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to timely disaster response and relief. HODR strives to provide hands-on relief to survivors of natural disasters with maximum speed and minimum bureaucracy. Our projects focus on applying volunteer resources and expertise to communities affected by natural disaster; projects typically focus on rebuilding and community development. Previous projects have included Thailand (2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami), USA (Hurricane Katrina), Indonesia (2006 Jogjakarta earthquake), and the Philippines (Typhoon Reming). Donations made to HODR are tax deductible.

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