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**RELIEF SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO PERU QUAKE VICTIMS
BY BAY AREA HUMANITARIAN AID ORGANIZATION, VIDA**

Emeryville, CA—AUGUST 16, 2007—In response to the August 15, 8.0 earthquake which rocked Pisco, Peru, Volunteers for Inter-American Development Assistance (VIDA) is prepared to deliver a 40' container of donated medical and disaster relief supplies.

In addition VIDA is coordinating shipments with Americares, a US-based relief non-profit organization to airlift in supplies according to Haydée Rodríguez-Pastor, VIDA President and Founder. "Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, VIDA is mobilizing an extended network of partners here in the U.S. and in Peru to meet the challenges swiftly."

Donations of medical supplies, medicines and tents are being accepted at the warehouse in Emeryville. No clothing please. Financial support is needed to transport the containers. VIDA is accepting checks and online donations.

VIDA is a non-profit organization that provides a dual service to both Latin America and the San Francisco Bay Area by collecting surplus medical supplies and equipment from Bay Area health institutions, diverting them from environment-polluting landfills and shipping them to Latin American hospitals and clinics that rely on such donations for the provision of basic health care.

VIDA delivers swift relief to victims of natural disasters, facilitates medical training and assistance and creates projects that improve health standards in impoverished communities in Latin America.

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