

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## **PERU: FIRE**

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### ***The Situation***

On the evening of 29 December a blaze was sparked by a fireworks blast and gutted parts of a busy shopping district in Lima. Up to yesterday, 286 bodies had been taken from the rubble. Almost all are still unidentified. Eight hundred people are still missing. Rescue workers continue to find more corpses and body parts. Of those who survived, 66 people are in public hospitals suffering from burns and 30 families (about 150 people) are being cared for in public shelters. The Civil Defence is continuing its search.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

Two brigades of the Peruvian Red Cross have worked since the beginning of the disaster to help firefighters and police to rescue and provide first aid to victims and their traumatised relatives. The National Society has participated in the Emergency Committee set up by the authorities.

The Peruvian Red Cross, helped by the International Federation, is assessing the needs and will make a proposal to be funded by the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF). Donors will then be invited to replenish the DREF.

For a full description of the National Society profile, see [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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