



## **International Offers of Assistance 2001**

### **El Salvador                      Offer of Assistance                      January 2001**

**13 Jan 2001:** Central America was struck by a magnitude 7.6 earthquake at noon local time on a Saturday. The most affected country was El Salvador, where the quake caused a massive landslide in Santa Tecla.

National authorities were offered immediate assistance by the IRO in order to avoid losing any time. During the preparation phase, however, it was discovered that a rescue dog operation did not make sense due to the type of material in which victims were buried: sand. IRO teams were ordered to stand down.

### **Peru                                      Offer of Assistance                                      June 2001**

**24 Jun 2001:** Peru was struck by a magnitude 7.9 earthquake on the Richter scale near the border to Chile. It was the strongest quake in the region since 1970. The second largest city in the country, Arequipa, approx. 1,000km south of Lima, was the most severely affected area. Roughly 30% of the historical buildings were destroyed.

The Offer of Assistance made by the IRO was not accepted by national authorities and IRO teams were ordered to stand down.