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STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES,
OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS	Despite social exhaustion due to human losses in the rallies at the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, there is diversity of opinion among the different media, journalists, and citizens. The press – mainly the digital native– and young people remain especially attentive to responding clearly to attacks on freedom of expression.
WEAKNESSES	While the instability of Peruvian politics continues to weaken the development of freedom of expression, the level of violence deployed by the armed forces and police during the December 2022-February 2023 rallies and the numerous resulting deaths reflect the main danger of the exercise of free expression by Peruvians. There is uncertainty as to whether the human rights of citizens and journalists would be respected in a rally.
OPPORTUNITIES	The birth of digital native media during the pandemic and recent government changes have created an opportunity to access investigative and relevant content to clarify abuses of authority such as police repression during rallies. Citizens care about the content of their own and the plurality of voices that these media contribute to public discussion and their exercise of free expression.
THREATS	Impunity for the deaths that resulted from late 2022 and early 2023 rallies is the greatest threat to freedom of expression in Peru today. Other threats include attempts by the Executive Branch at indirectly restricting free news coverage (appointments and dismissals carried out by the state TV channel), as well as attempts by the Legislative Branch to promote self-censorship in the press, with initiatives such as the “gag rule”.

