



Situation Report | 6 August 2020

## Key Messages



We are particularly concerned about unseen, vulnerable children and families, especially refugees and displaced children.



Around one million Syrian refugees live in crowded urban settings and in informal tented settlements, which makes the risk of COVID-19 infection very high. Palestinian camps also face the same crowded situation.



We are doing all we can to support people in Beirut, but we have a real fear about the humanitarian fallout from this disaster, especially for the most vulnerable children and their families.



Daily life for millions of children in Lebanon was already full of uncertainty and fear before this crisis:

- The impact of a nine-year war in Syria has strained education systems to the point that many children are going to school in shifts, or reduced school days
- The economic crisis of the past three years has dramatically worsened, and daily access to food has become a challenge for the average family
- COVID-19 has been taking its toll on the country's health facilities



Children need mental health support, now.



## Situation Overview

- On 4 August 2020, a deadly explosion struck the port of Beirut, killing over 130 people, injuring over 5,000, and leaving an estimated 300,000 homeless. The explosion was felt as far as 10 kilometres away.
- Beirut's governor said the blast caused up to \$15 billion worth of damage. A state of emergency has been declared for a period of two weeks by the Lebanese government.
- Families have been forced to seek temporary shelter at schools, with families/acquaintances and other administrative buildings. The overall impact is still being assessed, but it is estimated that up to 500,000 are in need of some form of assistance as a result of the explosion.
- This comes on top of the very significant effects of the economic collapse, which has been ongoing since Oct 2019, and COVID-19, resulting in even greater vulnerability and political instability. Lebanon is also globally the largest host of refugees by proportion of population.

Latest  
COVID-19  
Statistics

Confirmed cases: **5,062**  
Deaths: **65**

(source: WHO, 6 Aug 2020)

Latest  
Explosion  
Toll

Deaths: **135**  
Injured: **5,000**

(source: Daily Star, Lebanon, 6 Aug 2020)

## World Vision's Response

For the initial phase of the response to the Beirut explosion crisis, World Vision is appealing for **USD 5 million** to reach **120,000 individuals** with immediate support. The initial assistance will include:

- Basic needs - food, household items, and hygiene supplies - for thousands of families who are now homeless and/or hosted in schools, and centres that have been set up by the local authorities.
- Temporary shelter provision and short term shelter repairs for families that have had their homes damaged. Assessments are ongoing but this could include simple repairs and preparation of alternative short term accommodation.
- Psychological First Aid to help children and families affected by the explosion.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be needed to prevent the additional spread of COVID-19 and reduce the impact on an already overstretched health system.

## Programme reach through COVID-19 emergency response



People  
**196,427**



Children  
**98,416 (50%)**

(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)



**RESPONSE GOAL**

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

**Strategic Objectives**



1. Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease



3. Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



2. Strengthen health systems and workers



4. Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

**OBJECTIVE 1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of disease**



**39,156**

People reached through promotion of preventive behaviours



**14,217**

Information, education, and communication materials printed and distributed



**29,655**

Community members provided with preventive materials



**81,662**

Handwashing supplies distributed



**14**

Comprehensive hygiene kits distributed



**2,175**

Cleaning kits distributed to vulnerable communities



**12**

Faith leaders disseminating preventive measures

*(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)*

**OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen health systems and workers**



**690**

Medical personnel provided with personal protective equipment (PPE)



**68,290**

Masks distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



**61,963**

Glove sets distributed, including to health facilities, health workers and communities



**15**

Medical facilities assisted



**220**

Disinfectant kits distributed to health care facilities

*(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)*

## OBJECTIVE 3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food security, and livelihoods



**7,940**

People reached with information, education, and communication psychosocial support materials



**3,593**

Education materials provided to enable or support remote learning



**1,195**

People provided with education support or training



**4,015**

Children reached with targeted, age-specific health education



**5,701**

Children supported with child protection programming

*(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)*

## OBJECTIVE 4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected



**5**

Regional and national policy changes achieved through advocacy and external engagement to improve the international responses to COVID-19



**8**

External engagements where World Vision is advocating on priorities, including ending violence against children in the context of COVID-19



**2**

External actions, including sign ons and public statements



**50**

External engagements with Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading



**10**

External engagements with faith actors where World Vision is chairing, presenting or leading

*\*Examples of Tier 1 and Tier 2 stakeholders include WFP, WHO, Global Fund, UNICEF, UNHRC, UNOCHA, and national governments*

*(Based on figures as of 24 July 2020)*



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