



*Figures are approximate and based on WorldPop 2020 estimate

**WFP Lebanon Beirut Port Explosion Situation Report 1, 9 Aug 2020

Explosion Updates

As of 11 AUG



*UNICEF LEBANON SITUATION REPORT NO.3, 11 AUG 2020

**OCHA Lebanon: humanitarian response continues one week after explosion, 11 AUG 2020
<https://www.unocha.org/story/lebanon-humanitarian-response-continues-one-week-after-port-explosion>

COVID-19 Updates¹

As of 12 AUG



The Ministry of Health continues to report increasing COVID-19 transmission rates, with 292 new cases recorded on 12 August.

¹DRM Unit, Government of Lebanon Daily Situation Report, 12 Aug 2020

²OCHA Lebanon: Beirut Explosion Sitrep 3, 10 August 2020

³UNICEF Lebanon Situation Report No. 2, 6 Aug 2020

Situation Overview²

- On 4 August 2020, a deadly explosion struck the port of Beirut, killing over 220 people, injuring over 6,000, and leaving an estimated 300,000 homeless. The explosion was felt as far as 10 kilometres away with some reports from 38 kilometres and farther.
- A rapid assessment of 55 primary healthcare centres found that 37 per cent sustained moderate-to-serious damage. Only 47 per cent of surveyed facilities can still provide full routine health services.
- A rapid shelter assessment identified Gemmayzeh, Mar Mikhael, Ashrafiyeh and Qarantina as priority areas.
- Thousands of affected people require hot meals, food rations and other food assistance following the explosions. Many families require sanitation and hygiene supplies until basic services can be restored in affected neighborhoods.
- Concerns grow that damage to the Beirut Port will exacerbate food insecurity, which was already growing amid COVID-19 pandemic and prolonged socio-economic crisis.
- On 9 August, donors pledged \$300 million dollars to assist Lebanon at a virtual international conference.
- The explosions caused considerable psychological distress to thousands of people from Lebanese and non-Lebanese communities. Vulnerable populations, including women, children and the elderly, are among the most affected. Psycho-social support, family reunification and other protection services are essential.
- Anti-government protests resumed on 8 August raising tension in Beirut. On 10 August, the Prime Minister along with the government resigned. While there is uncertainty of the full impact of this on the response and recovery following the explosion in Beirut, this has not affected humanitarian access or the ability of humanitarians to conduct response activities and assessments.

Key Messages



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



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.

- Rising risk of faster and broader spread of COVID-19 due to reduced attention to preventative measures
- Rising risk of exposure for children to abuse and exploitation given the increased stress on parents and communities



Many vulnerable families, including refugees living in crowded urban settings and in informal tented settlements, were already seeing increased vulnerability due to the economic and COVID-19 crises. Their situation looks even more dire in the wake of the explosion in Beirut as the full impact is yet to be seen and instability and unrest exacerbate the circumstances.



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. Of the 300,000 people who have lost their homes and are displaced, approximately 80,000 are children.³

BEIRUT EXPLOSION EMERGENCY RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



RESPONSE GOAL

Decrease the vulnerability among girls, boys, women and men impacted by the August 04 explosion in Beirut, Lebanon

Strategic Objectives



1. Support families with basic assistance and hygiene needs



2. Provide Shelter solutions to the most vulnerable families



3. Provide Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for vulnerable children and their caregivers

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.
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support 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.



120,000
People targeted by World Vision for the response

Response and Plans

On 5 August, World Vision declared a CAT 2 National Response to meet critical needs in Beirut explosion crisis. Response activities are being coordinated with the OCHA led Emergency Operations Cell, its respective sector groups and with local authorities.

The response plan is being finalized as initial assessments and response activities are underway, and will be released this week.

In the coming days planned activities include the distribution of 100 food parcels for 100 families on in Achrafieh.

Funding

Of the USD 5 million that World Vision has appealed for, so far USD 1,615,000 has been received with 920,000 in the pipeline.

- \$625,000 USD from World Vision Support Offices
- \$990,000 USD from ADH and the Dutch Alliance

In addition to the funding committed, gift in kind has also been received from UNICEF and the Australian Embassy.

Activities

The distribution of food parcels began in Nabaa with identified families in need.

Disinfectant kits have been distributed in order to support the health of vulnerable families and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Hygiene kits and children's hygiene kits have been distributed to affected families in Burj Hammoud.

Assessments have been conducted in the affected areas of Karantina, Mar Mkhayel, Gemmayze, Rmeil, Borj Hammoud, Roum, Geitawi, Hekmeh, Nabaa, St. Nicolas, Corniche el nahr, and Hosh area, with some assessments being completed in collaboration with UNICEF. World Vision has also conducted assessments reaching the 561 registered children through sponsorship in Nabaa and Jdeideh-Bouchrieh-EISed. The RC Assessment report will be released this week.

In parallel to the RC rapid assessment, WVWL launched an indepth needs assessment to highlight the gaps of the affected families that are seeking assistance through field observations or partner referrals.



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