

Beirut Blast

Situation Report

September 2, 2020



BACKGROUND: One month ago, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 a catastrophic explosion rocked Beirut, destroying most of the port and damaging buildings across the city. More than 200 people lost their lives in the blast, 6,000 sustained injuries, and some are still missing. Hundreds of thousands of residents have sustained damage to their homes, of those some are temporarily living with friends and family, while others are staying in their homes, despite broken windows and other damage.

[Lebanon](#) is facing the worst humanitarian crisis of its history, with the convergence of the on-going and worsening [COVID-19 pandemic](#), an economic collapse, and now this preventable explosion.

For more information, check out our new [on-the-ground report](#) about the situation.

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Anera's Response

Anera has prioritized shelter, food, and health as the key areas of our humanitarian response in the wake of the disaster. We work in areas of Beirut that were already economically vulnerable, and then suffered the most from the blast: Karantina, Borj Hammoud, the Zoqaq El Blat and Basta Tahta areas of the Bachoura neighborhood, the Beydoun area of Achrafiye, and Gemmayze and Mar Mikhael.

SHELTER REHABILITATION: Anera assessment teams with backgrounds in construction, social work and engineering have begun visiting Beirut neighborhoods affected by the blast. **Anera has so far surveyed 550 homes, completed renovations on 16, and is in the process of working on 100.** Our teams repair broken windows and damaged doors and roofs, etc. This allows the most vulnerable displaced persons to return home as quickly as possible. We give top priority to women-headed families with young children.

MEDICAL DONATIONS: Our [medical donations](#) team is working on multiple medical aid shipments, which include emergency supplies, chronically needed medicines and PPE.

We currently have **four shipments in Lebanon and going through the clearance process in Beirut:** an Americares shipment of donated anesthetics, an HPIC shipment of donated chronic disease medicines, a CMMB shipment of donated antiviral and chronic disease medicines, and a procured shipment of PPE from China.

And we just delivered a 56-ton [shipment of donated supplies](#).

DISTRIBUTING RELIEF ITEMS: We also are mobilizing thousands of volunteers to clean

streets and distribute food, PPE and cleaning supplies to Beirut families.