

Beirut Blast

Situation Report

November 17, 2020



BACKGROUND: Over two months ago, on Tuesday, August 4 a catastrophic explosion rocked Beirut, destroying most of the port and damaging buildings across the city. 204 people lost their lives in the blast and 6,500 sustained injuries. Some 70,000 homes and small businesses were affected by the blast. There is an estimated \$15 billion in property damage.

Families are still striving to get back into their homes. And winter is coming.

[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 Anera's [on-the-ground report](#) about the situation.

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Anera's Response

Anera is working on shelter, food, and healthcare as the key areas of our humanitarian response in Beirut.

SHELTER REHABILITATION: Anera targets areas of the city 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.

Anera has so far surveyed 1,700 homes, **completed renovations on 504**, and is in the process of working on another 500. We also have **rehabilitated 56 small businesses**, which have opened their doors again and we're planning work on 100 more. Our teams repair broken windows, and doors, damaged ceilings, broken down walls, and plumbing. 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 **22 shipments in Lebanon, either delivered or going through the clearance process in Beirut**. Anera's donated health care supplies come from trusted and reputable organizations such as Americares, Direct Relief, International Health Partners, Wheels to Heal, and Lutheran World Relief.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS: Anera is delivering, throughout the winter months, **food parcels and hygiene kits to 4,100 families in Beirut**. The project also employs our students from cooking classes to make and distribute **12,000 hot meals to 400 families** over the course of 60 days.