

# Beirut Blast

## Situation Report

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**BACKGROUND:** Lebanon continues to pick up the pieces following the devastating Beirut explosion. Many are still struggling to recover, psychologically and materially. The damaged infrastructure will take years to rebuild. On top of that, the catastrophe likely fed a sharp spike in COVID-19 cases.

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

[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 recovery from the Beirut 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, Rmeil, Gemmayze and Mar Mikhael.

Anera teams have **assessed more than 1,800 houses and shops, of which 600 have been repaired or are currently under installation.** 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 **38 shipments in Lebanon, either delivered or going through the clearance process in Beirut.** One recent shipment contained a vital chemotherapy drug and another included COVID-19 antibody tests. Our partners are Americares, Direct Relief, International Health Partners, and more.

**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.