

Beirut Blast Situation Report

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BACKGROUND: On the one-year anniversary of the Beirut blast, many residents are still struggling to recover both psychologically and materially. Damaged infrastructure will take years to rebuild.

[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. Political deadlock – over the creation of a new government – prevents the country from receiving the international aid necessary to rebuild Beirut on a large scale. The value of the currency continues to decline and there are critical shortages of fuel and medicines as well as long electricity cuts.

For more information, check out Anera's [situation reports](#) and [Beirut updates](#).

Anera's Response

MEDICAL DONATIONS: Anera has distributed **85 shipments of medicines and medical supplies** to **48 healthcare recipient organizations in Beirut** and another 174 throughout the rest of the country. We have also **given grants worth \$662,000** for hospitals in Beirut to assist in their recovery efforts.

SHELTER REHABILITATION: Anera teams have assessed 1,800+ structures in Beirut. We repaired 1,198 homes and businesses.

	Completed	In process
Homes	827	195
Businesses	71	5

Anera is currently planning **work on 120 more houses and businesses**. Our teams repair broken windows and doors, damaged ceilings and walls, and plumbing. Top priority goes to vulnerable groups, including women-headed families with young children.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS: Through the winter months, Anera delivered **food parcels and hygiene kits to 4,100 families in Beirut**. We also made **12,000 hot meals for 400 families**.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: Anera assessed water tanks in 17 affected neighborhoods and installed **189 new tanks, repaired connections to water networks and rehabilitated damaged plumbing in 155 buildings**.

***A note on youth employment:** In many of Anera's programs – like reconstruction, relief distributions and food preparation – we hire youths from our vocational education programs to do the work. They gain work experience, earn an income, and help their communities.*