

Lebanon

Food Security

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Anera students from our vocational cooking courses have made 95,315 hot meals to date.

Background: More than half of Lebanon's population lives below the poverty line and struggles for bare necessities. By January 2021, the Lebanese pound had lost more than 80% of its value. Food access is a major issue, with prices out of reach and markets facing serious challenges to restock and to even keep their businesses going. The possible discontinuation of governmental subsidies of most food items in the coming months is likely to make the situation even worse.

Anera's Response in the Past Year

FOOD PARCEL DISTRIBUTIONS: Anera delivered 9,140 food parcels to **vulnerable families** across Lebanon, including those affected by the Beirut Blast. Families received

nutritionally balanced packages, along with kits containing other necessities. *UNOCHA funded.*

We implemented the fast-track procurement and delivery of **12,680 food parcels** and 10,000 hygiene kits throughout Lebanon during Ramadan. The whole process, from bidding to delivery, took one work week. *UNHCR funded.*

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Anera **provided 2,360 Syrian and Palestinian refugee and vulnerable Lebanese families** with humanitarian aid packages that included food and hygiene items to help in infection prevention and control. *UNOCHA funded.*

Anera distributed food parcels and hygiene kits to **1,513 families** in the Bekaa and North Lebanon during Ramadan 2021. *Anera funded.*

HOT MEALS: When the [pandemic](#) hit, we pivoted our vocational education program in Lebanon to give students the opportunity to put their new skills to work. **Hundreds of students made 95,315 hot meals** for families in refugee camps and other vulnerable communities throughout Lebanon. *UNICEF funded.*

In the spring of 2021, Anera served 875 hot meals per day in North Lebanon at a local soup kitchen. The kitchen was operated by volunteers as well as young graduates of Anera's cooking classes, who earned an income. *Funded by Falafel Inc and UNICEF.*

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING: Anera established an accelerated vocational agriculture course in Akkar, Lebanon's most impoverished governorate. Students [learn the basics of farming](#). Picked produce goes to families living nearby. *UNICEF funded.*

You can help!

Food insecurity in Lebanon will certainly increase over the coming months and will be made worse with cold weather coming. Contribute to Anera's food security program in Lebanon. **Contact Malakeh Terkawi at m.terqawi@aneralebanon.org to learn more.**