

BEIRUT EXPLOSION LEBANON

#1 / Progress Report (One Month On)

OVERVIEW OF DISASTER

On Aug. 4, 2020 a massive explosion in Lebanon's capital tore through several downtown neighbourhoods, destroying homes, shattering glass, and releasing thick smoke into the air. The blast has killed more than 180 people, wounding thousands, and leaving as many as 300,000 homeless. The explosion has also caused extensive damage to buildings within a large radius of the blast site and hospitals are said to be overwhelmed.

Lebanon's Prime Minister Hasan Diab has called the incident a "catastrophe" and this disaster could not come at a worse time; Lebanon, which was already hosting millions of Syrian refugees, is in the middle of an economic crisis and has also seen the rate of COVID-19 infections drastically increase over the past few weeks.



WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, ongoing protests, the resignation of the Lebanese government on 10 August 2020, World Vision has reached about 5,000 people with the support of international donors and supporters. Specifically, World Vision was able to provide the following support:

- **669 food parcels distributed**, with each parcel containing one-month ration for a family of 5
- **594 hygiene kits distributed**
- **112 disinfectant kits distributed**
- **160 blankets distributed**
- **954 masks distributed**, accompanied by COVID-19 awareness sessions
- **20 people trained on Mental Health and Psychological support**



Hygiene kit and food parcel distribution to the most vulnerable families as part of the Beirut Explosion Response

MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries affected by the blast in Beirut, who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

The Beirut Explosion emergency response is still ongoing. To make a difference to children affected by the blasts, please support The Survival Fund's dedicated Beirut response. To support more children affected by other disasters worldwide, please support The Survival Fund – a way to allow us to stand in the gap while both bracing at-risk communities and providing relief to those recovering from disasters. To learn more, visit <https://disaster.worldvision.org.sg>.