

Giving Resource Guide

Opportunities for Emergency Relief in Beirut

On August 4th, a series of devastating explosions in the port area of Beirut, Lebanon, caused significant damage across the city, injuring over 5,000 people and killing 220 others. As of August 10th, it is estimated that more than 300,000 people have been displaced from their homes, including 80,000 children¹.

The explosion comes during one of the worst financial crises in Lebanon's recent history – a drastic economic collapse mixed with food insecurity and a surge in COVID-19 cases have left children and families across the country in need of emergency assistance.

This resource guide is intended to provide guidance to our philanthropic clients and communities who feel compelled to support the people of Beirut as they heal and rebuild in the wake of this disaster.

Children:

- [Save the Children](#)
Headquarters: Fairfield, CT
Contact: (800) 728-3843
Operating Budget: \$836 million

¹ [United Nations News. August 7, 2020.](#)

About: In the U.S. and around the world, Save the Children (STC) does whatever it takes to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes and children are most vulnerable, STC is always among the first to respond and the last to leave. STC helps ensure that children's unique needs are met and their voices are heard.

Emergency Work: Save the Children confirms that its offices in Beirut, around five kilometers from the harbor, were badly damaged in the explosion, which shook the building and destroyed shop fronts in the neighborhood. The Save the Children rapid response team stands by prepared to support the government in their efforts in the coming days.

To support families affected by the explosion, Save the Children is assessing where the greatest needs are for the most vulnerable, with a focus on their psychological well-being. Save the Children also plans to help reunite children with their families, providing food, hygiene, and shelter.

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- **UNICEF**

Headquarters: New York, NY

Contact: (800) 367-5437

Operating Budget: \$548 million

About: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in more than 190 countries and territories to put children first. UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization by providing health care and immunizations, safe water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

UNICEF USA supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States and works towards a world in which no children die from preventable causes, and every child has a safe and healthy childhood.

Emergency Relief in Beirut: UNICEF staff are helping Beirut authorities assess urgently needed medical and vaccine supplies, rushing bottles of water to first responders and residents in the Beirut port area and working with child protection colleagues to reunite children separated from their families and provide counseling to children traumatized by this latest catastrophe. Ten containers of personal protective equipment including hundreds of thousands of gloves, gowns and masks just procured by the Ministry of Public Health for the COVID response were destroyed. UNICEF is working with the World Health Organization "WHO" to immediately replace these supplies.

UNICEF staff are distributing vital supplies including critical medications, mattresses, blankets, towels, hygiene kits and drinking water. Initial reports indicate that 120 public and private schools serving approximately 55,000 children were damaged in the blast; it will be crucial to rehabilitate them before the start of the new school year. UNICEF is estimating that

it will need \$8.2 million to support children and families in the aftermath of the explosion and the ongoing economic crisis.

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Hunger and Poverty:

- [Beit El Baraka*](#)

Headquarters: Beirut, Lebanon

Contact: info@beitelbaraka.org

2020 Expenses (as of 8/11/20): \$1.7 million

About: The mission of Beit El Baraka is to help ensure a sense of dignity to hard-working citizens once they retire, by assisting them in their struggle with the increasing cost of living. The organization is working in response to Lebanon's current economic and deep-rooted challenges that are depriving many retired citizens of their most basic needs and rights.

Beit El Baraka's services include a free supermarket point system for its members, decent housing and home repairs, medical support, and agricultural projects to create sustainable food systems.

Relief for Beirut: In the wake of the explosions on August 4th, which threaten an already critical livelihood situation, Beit el Baraka's team has mobilized to serve devastated families in Beirut. With countless people left homeless and traumatized, Beit el Baraka expanded its team and multiplied its efforts to provide emergency home rehabilitation, nutritious food, and essential medicine. At the moment, Beit El Baraka is fixing 3011 homes and rehabilitating 124 small shops and refilling their shelves, and is offering medical support and balanced food boxes to thousands. In addition, Beit el Baraka set up a psychological support unit for adults and children.

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- [Care International](#)

Headquarters: Atlanta, GA

Contact: info@care.org

Operating Budget: \$604 million

About: CARE is a global leader within a worldwide movement that is dedicated to saving lives, defeating poverty, and achieving social justice. CARE works in emergency, rehabilitation and long-term development across:

- Food and Nutrition Security and Climate Change Resilience
- Humanitarian Response
- Right to a Life Free from Violence
- Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health and Rights
- Women's Economic Empowerment

Emergency Response in Beirut: Following the blasts, CARE Lebanon began distributing 200 food parcels and hot meals to around 2,400 people in Achrafieh – one of the oldest and worst affected districts in Beirut City, with a focus on the most vulnerable including the elderly, women and girls, and those with special needs.

CARE Lebanon will focus on immediate life-saving aid in the form of food parcels, cash, psychosocial support and hygiene materials in the first few months, and also longer term assistance in building back with shelter rehabilitation through technical support and cash assistance, longer term psychosocial support and resources to help protect against gender-based violence which can increase after a crisis such as this as tensions increase and thousands are living in temporary and unprotected shelters.

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- **Offrejoie (Joy of Giving)**
Headquarters: Washington, DC
Contact: info@offrejoie.org

About: The mission of Offrejoie is “To gather the entire family of Lebanon together as a treasure for humanity by serving with and for the “Other.” Offrejoie believes that fragmented societies can heal through the creation of human relationships born of shared opportunities to serve the community. By serving together a spirit of mutual regard and esteem grows fostering a sense of solidarity and a new understanding of citizenship.

Offrejoie was founded in the midst of Lebanon’s civil war in 1985 when a group of young Red Cross volunteers worked together to help the injured. Over the years, Offrejoie has developed different approaches to tackling the continuing challenges of Lebanon, and at its core are the consistent practice of the values of love, respect, and forgiveness and voluntary service. What began as a group of enthusiastic volunteers in 1985 has developed into a voluntary movement across the country of Lebanon with a footprint in France in 1986 and a sister group in Iraq established in 2012 to share and promote its vision and experience.

Relief for Beirut: Offre Joie is cleaning and rehabilitating houses that have been affected by the blast while also providing shelter to those who have lost their homes.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- **World Food Program USA**
Headquarters: Washington, DC
Contact: (202) 627-3737
Operating Budget: \$9 million

About: Consistent with the mission of the U.N. World Food Programme, World Food Program USA works with U.S. policymakers, corporations, foundations and individuals to help provide financial and in-kind resources and develop policies needed to alleviate global

hunger. Since 1962, The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has been on the front lines fighting hunger and famine, reaching up to 138 million of the world's most vulnerable people every year.

Work in Beirut: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is working to help those who've become homeless overnight, were injured or lost loved ones in the blasts by:

- Putting together 5,000 food packages for affected families, with each package containing enough to feed a family of five for one month
- Providing emergency food assistance to 50,000 Lebanese families
- Delivering flour and grains to local bakeries and mills so they can prepare food for victims as the country works to rebuild
- Partnered with the Education ministry to distribute emergency food packages to the families of 13,000 students

WFP is working closely with the U.N. Lebanese team and the Government of Lebanon to coordinate its ongoing emergency response, particularly focusing on ramping up existing cash and food programs. As always, the U.N. World Food Programme is constantly evaluating the situation on the ground and stands ready to provide as much support as it can for thousands of people in Beirut who urgently need assistance during these difficult times.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

Immediate Needs and Supply Chain:

- **Global Fund for Women**
Headquarters: San Francisco, CA
Contact: (415) 248-4800
Operating Budget: \$17 million

About: Global Fund for Women supports bold, ambitious, and expansive gender justice movements to create meaningful change. Over the course of 30+ years, Global Fund for Women has supported feminist movements and grassroots organizers to end civil wars, get female Presidents elected, and secure laws giving new protection to millions. By shifting towards a movement-led approach, Global Fund for Women is harnessing and supporting rising people-power globally to increase their impact and accelerate change.

Crisis Funding: Global Fund for Women crisis funding is responsive to local needs, as expressed by local women, and is vital to healing and recovery. 100 percent of gifts go to support local, grassroots feminist groups in the aftermath of the tragic explosion in Beirut.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- [Impact Lebanon*](#)

Headquarters: Beirut, Lebanon

Contact: team@impactlebanon.org

About: Impact Lebanon is a non-profit organization that brings the community together to pursue initiatives that deliver impact for Lebanon, pursue a shared set of values, and advocate for viable, evidence-based measures of change. Impact Lebanon's initiatives include: humanitarian solidarity, sustainability, advocacy, awareness activism, and capacity building.

Relief for Beirut: Impact Lebanon has suspended its regular fundraising to focus on a crowdfunding initiative to raise £5,000,000 in disaster relief for Beirut in the wake of the catastrophic explosion. Dealing with an economic crisis, rolling blackouts and the global pandemic, Lebanese people were already facing immense hardship. Impact Lebanon will be working alongside and sharing donations with various NGOs that are on the ground in Beirut, and have committed to transparency and accountability throughout the funding process.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- [Islamic Relief USA](#)

Headquarters: Alexandria, VA

Contact: (703) 370-7202

Operating Budget: \$84 million

About: Islamic Relief USA provides relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and works to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world. Programs include Education, Health, Microfinance, Disaster Response, Refugee Aid, Women, Children, and Food Assistance.

Emergency Aid in Beirut: Islamic Relief is working to build a sustainable supply chain for emergency aid, in addition to providing food and water to those who need it urgently. Islamic relief has already distributed ready-to-eat meals, essential non-food items, hygiene kits and health assistance and worked collaboratively to clear the roads after the explosion. Islamic Relief is also working on plans to address longer-term development needs in Lebanon, including rehabilitation and livelihoods support that will aid the recovery of the Lebanese people and tackle the ongoing economic crisis and coronavirus outbreak.

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Medical and Health:

- [American University of Beirut](#)

Headquarters: New York, NY

Contact: +1-212-583-7660

Operating Budget: \$583 million

About: The American University of Beirut (AUB) is an institution of higher learning founded to provide excellence in education, to participate in the advancement of knowledge through research, and to serve the peoples of the Middle East and beyond. Chartered in New York State in 1863, the university bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. The university believes deeply in and encourages freedom of thought and expression and seeks to foster tolerance and respect for diversity and dialogue. Graduates will be individuals committed to creative and critical thinking, life-long learning, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and leadership.

Disaster Response Fund: In response to the devastating explosion on August 4th, AUB established the AUBMC Disaster Response Fund. Proceeds from this fund will be used to support its medical center that is providing urgently needed patient care to the victims of the August 4 explosion.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- **[Donnor Sang Compter*](#)**
Headquarters: Beirut, Lebanon
Contact: info@dsclebanon.org

About: Founded in 2010 in Lebanon, **[Donnor Sang Compter](#)** (DSC) is on a mission to raise awareness about voluntary blood donation by supporting patients in need through nationwide blood drives and through a 24/7 call center for multiplied impact. DSC provides blood to patients in need by linking them to potential blood donors, and also organizes frequent blood donation campaigns to raise awareness and to increase the stock of all blood banks in Lebanon.

Relief for Beirut: Following the deadly blast, DSC is assisting in medical relief efforts by collecting blood for hospitals in Beirut.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- **[International Medical Corps](#)**
Headquarters: Pasadena, CA
Contact: (310) 826-7800
Operating Budget: \$128 million

About: International Medical Corps (IMC) is a global humanitarian organization that delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. The mission of IMC is to improve the quality of life through health interventions and related activities that strengthen underserved communities worldwide. With the flexibility to respond rapidly to emergencies, IMC offers medical services and training to people at the highest risk, always working to strengthen local healthcare systems and promote self-reliance.

Work in Beirut: International Medical Corps(IMC) has launched an emergency response, coordinating closely with the government and other responders to quickly provide help to overwhelmed hospitals and health facilities. IMC teams are mobilizing urgently needed supplies and staff, are deploying mobile medical units to provide care to affected communities and will provide mental health services to those affected by this catastrophe.

To donate, please visit [this link](#).

- **Lebanese Red Cross**

Headquarters: Beirut, Lebanon

Contact: info@redcross.org.lb

About: The goal of the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) is to promote peace, serve the society, and alleviate human suffering with neutrality and without any racial, sexual, social, religious or political discrimination. The Lebanese Red Cross Society provides relief to victims of natural and human disasters, helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies, and mitigate the suffering of the most vulnerable through: Emergency Medical Services, Disaster Management, School Health, Community Based Health and First Aid, Health Education and more.

Explosion in Beirut: The Lebanese Red Cross is responding to the ongoing crisis through its Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances), Blood Centers, Mobile Clinics, Relief programs (shelter, food parcels), and Family and Psychological Support. Funds collected will support LRC ' response as the main provider of pre-hospital emergency care (ambulance service) and blood transfusion services in Lebanon, providing both these vital services to the population in Lebanon for free. The LRC serves more than 800,000 persons annually, all services combined, through a network of more than 12,000 volunteers, members and employees.

The project will also support LRC in continuing its humanitarian mission to serve the most vulnerable people in Lebanon, who are already facing a dire economic situation compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- **Project HOPE**

Headquarters: Bethesda, MD

Contact: (540) 837-2100

Operating Budget: \$96 million

About: For more than 60 years, Project HOPE has transformed the health and well-being of people and communities around the world by working on the front lines of the world's health challenges, partnering hand-in-hand with communities, health care workers and public health systems to ensure sustainable change. Project HOPE is building a different world: a strong and resilient global community of health care workers who practice innovative solutions in their communities — and then pass them on to others. Project HOPE works in five main

areas: disasters and health crises; infectious diseases; noncommunicable diseases; maternal, neonatal and child health; and health policy.

Explosion in Beirut: Following the explosion, the Project HOPE emergency response team was immediately activated and is in close contact with local officials and partners on the ground. The team is now in Beirut to help coordinate deliveries of urgently needed medical supplies, protective gear, and other assistance and support that may be needed.

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Refugees:

- **International Rescue Committee**

Headquarters: New York, NY

Contact: (212) 551-3000

Operating Budget: \$730 million

About: The mission of the IRC is to help people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future. The IRC puts in place high-impact, cost-effective solutions that help people affected by crisis in areas such as Education, Economic wellbeing, Empowerment, Health, Safety, and Women and girls. Using its experience, the IRC shapes humanitarian policy and practice in ways that improve the lives of more people worldwide.

Emergency Response in Beirut: The IRC emergency unit is launching an immediate response in Lebanon. The unit will provide immediate cash and economic assistance to those impacted and displaced by the explosion in Beirut. The IRC is concerned that the needs of the most vulnerable, including refugees from Syria, will go unmet as the city struggles to recover from the impact of the explosion.

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*Denotes local organizations based in Lebanon

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