



# SITUATION REPORT

## BEIRUT EXPLOSION



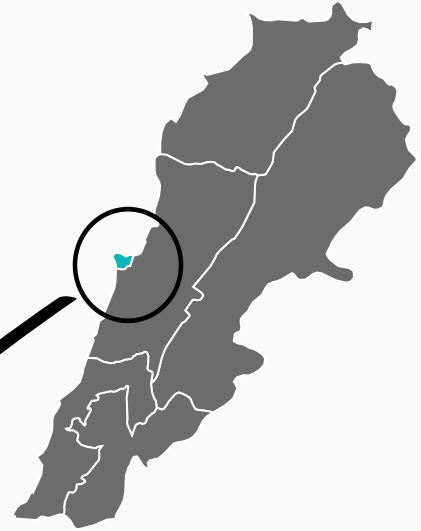
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### SITUATION

On August 4, an explosion from a warehouse storing explosives rocked the central district and port of Beirut, Lebanon. So far, over 100 people have died, although with 4,000 people injured and countless more missing, the death toll is expected to rise. Damage has extended to as far six miles away. The situation continues to develop.



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### RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is in communication with two ecumenical partners in Beirut - the Middle East Council of Churches and the Near East School of Theology. Their buildings were damaged, but all staff members are safe. LDR is prepared to accompany them as they and their communities recover from the massive damage.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the explosion in Beirut. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

#### Give

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