



SITUATION REPORT 2

BEIRUT EXPLOSION



SEPTEMBER 29, 2020



LEBANON

SITUATION

On August 4, an explosion from a warehouse storing explosives rocked the central district and port of Beirut, Lebanon. It left a crater with a 124 meter diameter and damaged buildings as far as twelve miles away from the blast. The explosion caused at least 190 deaths, an additional 5,000 injuries, and left 300,000 people homeless. In addition to the devastation caused by the explosion, Lebanon is facing the COVID-19 pandemic and a financial crisis.

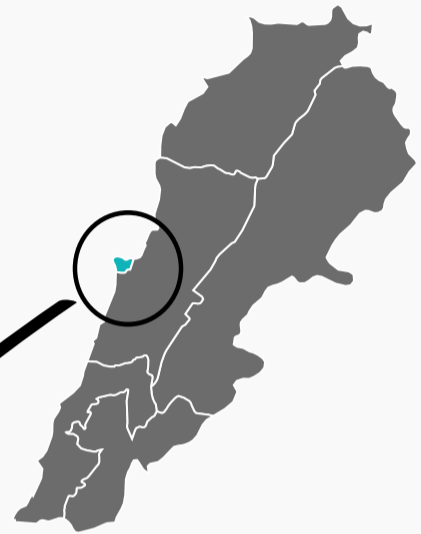


Photo: Act Alliance

RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an appeal from ACT Alliance to offer relief to the people of Beirut. This support will allow the Middle East Council of Churches and DSPR-Joint Christian Committee to provide assistance for those affected by the explosion and financial crisis. Activities will include rehabilitating homes, distributing food and hygiene kits, supporting the recovery of small business owners, and providing electronic devices and school kits for students.

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.

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