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Beirut Port Disaster Situation Report # 5

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The weekly situation report addresses the public at large and provides highlights of the different aspects of Response to Beirut Port Disaster being done by different national and international stakeholders in terms of mobilization and coordination of resources to meet affected peoples' needs.

The Lebanese Government Response Plan aims at saving lives; providing immediate basic assistance to all affected people; restoring life conditions in the affected areas and implementing a national recovery plan including health, economy, education, social and environment sectors.

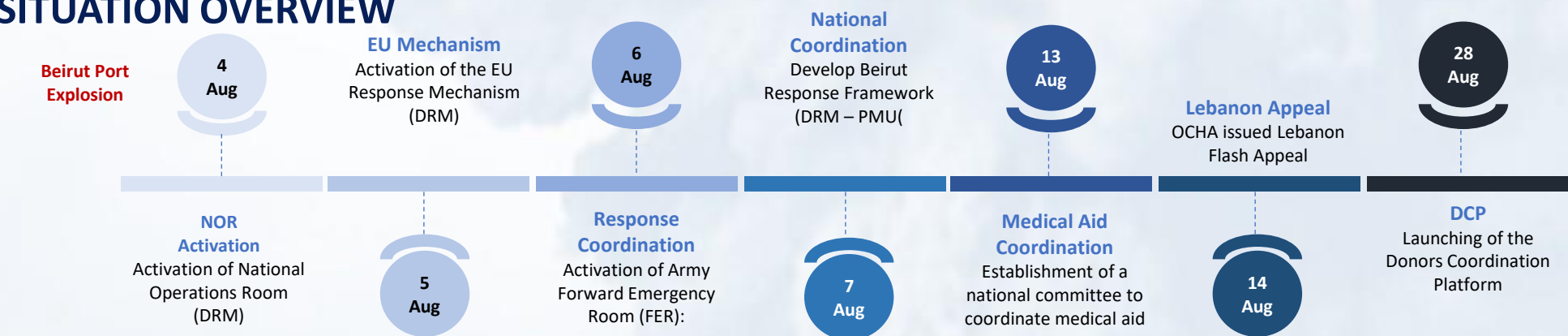
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HIGHLIGHTS

- 9 people are still reported missing according to the Lebanese Armed Forces. 3 Lebanese, 5 Syrians and 1 Egyptian (FER SitRep 25.9.2020).
- 459 organizations are registered with the Forward Emergency Room (FER) and supporting in providing basic needs assistance, health support, structural restoration of damaged houses, displacement support, and waste management (FER SitRep 25.9.2020).
- 17.3% of the funds (\$61.6M) needed as per the UN appeal in response to Beirut Disaster are secured up to date through 119 on-going different projects (OCHA SitRep #12 – 23.9.2020).
- On the 23rd of September 2020, an Emirati humanitarian aid ship dispatched by the Emirates Red Crescent, arrived in Beirut, to support people affected by the explosion at the city’s port.
- 49 shelter sector partners have been able to secure funding for 10,487 minor repairs and rehabilitations out of 65,831 units that requires intervention (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020).
- A ministerial meeting of the members of the International Support Group (ISG) for Lebanon was held on the 23rd of September where the members have recognized the immediate response of the international community with both financial and logistic support to Lebanon after the blast, and has highlighted the importance of keeping a close coordination among the UN, Governments, donors, humanitarian and development actors and Lebanese state institutions, including the Lebanese Armed Forces.
- The World Food Program (WFP) currently supports 15,000 families (105,000 people) who benefit from the Ministry of Social Affair’s (MOSA) National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) and will increase its scope to reach an additional 35,000 families by the end of 2020.
- The greatest needs expressed remain shelter, food, and cash assistance. In parallel, development approaches and longer-term activities are being activated by the UN, World Bank and European Union (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020).
- UNHCR is coordinating and responding directly to needs in the shelter and protection sectors, appealing for USD 35 million. In total, UNHCR aims to reach over 100,000 affected persons through all its interventions. (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020).
- A survey about the residents needs and perception indicated that the need for mental health services and access to food remain an urgent need, especially among the poorer segments of the population. Housing remained of key concern for those closest to the blast zone and larger households, and those with a lower reported monthly income were more likely to request financial and livelihood assistance (BEIRUT RESIDENTS’ PERSPECTIVES ON AUGUST 4 BLAST, World Bank Group, Sep 2020).
- “Rubble to Mountains”, a debris management consortium was initiated between Development Inc. SAL, AUB, Lebanon Reforestation Initiative, UN-Habitat and a number of supporting companies, in coordination with the Beirut Municipality and the Forward Emergency Room of the Lebanese Army is working to provide the advanced technical equipment necessary for sorting and extracting recyclable materials from the rubble resulting from the explosion to help rehabilitate one of the quarries in close coordination with the Ministry of Environment, in an environmentally-friendly restoration project.

SITUATION OVERVIEW



In response to the explosion that hit Beirut on the 4th of August 2020 which left huge damage estimated by billions of dollars in the Port and its surrounding areas at economic, social, health, education, infrastructure and environment levels, more than 450 different response groups from the Government, UN agencies, International Organizations, National Organizations have been joining efforts to stabilize the situation and secure basic needs and sheltering for affected communities while continuing the detailed assessment of damages per household and sectors, removing debris and developing waste management plans, and initiating early recovery plans.

After almost seven weeks of response, the challenges remain in the provision of sufficient financial support to conduct minor and moderate repairs and rehabilitation of damaged houses in preparation for the winter season; provision of basic needs assistance for a wide number of households that were directly affected by the blast; providing income generating activities for the increased number of unemployed; and provision of additional support for the health sector to respond to the increased pressure of COVID-19 that reached its highest record in Lebanon during the past week with more than 1200 new positive cases and more than 10 deaths in one day.

COVID-19 Latest Updates

In the last fourteen days, the positivity rate (ratio of positive cases out of the total daily COVID-19 tests) varied between 6 and 15% noting that the average positivity rate should be 5% for 14 consecutive days to open all sectors as per the World Health Organization (WHO). Daily updates on COVID-19 status can be found at the following links:
Daily COVID-19 Situation Report: <http://drm.pcm.gov.lb>.
COVID-19 beds distribution & availability at hospitals:
PC access: <https://gisleb.cnrs.edu.lb/portal/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/34b32db8030d4f229fc5db9ab686cca9>
Mobile access: <https://gisleb.cnrs.edu.lb/portal/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/976d6a23afc54fdd8cba04f1ab971d2b>



INTERNATIONAL AID

Countries Direct Support

More information about the type and source of aid, needs and damage in the public sector can be found at the Donors' Coordination Platform <https://dcp.pcm.gov.lb>



84
Users



72
Donors



82
Hospitals
Distributions



47
Other
Distributions



44,792,046 \$
Cash Aid
Transaction



171
In-kind Aid
Transaction



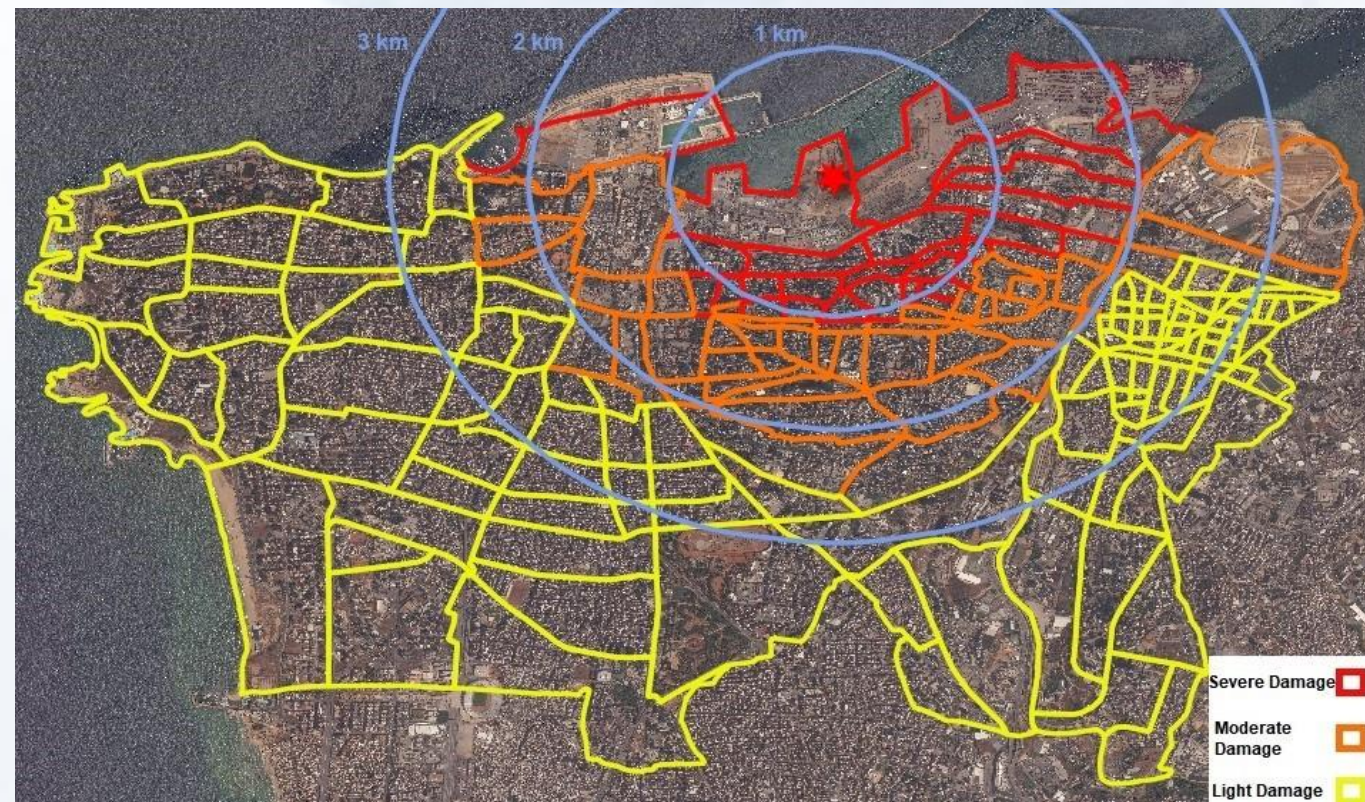
2,483
Inventory
Items



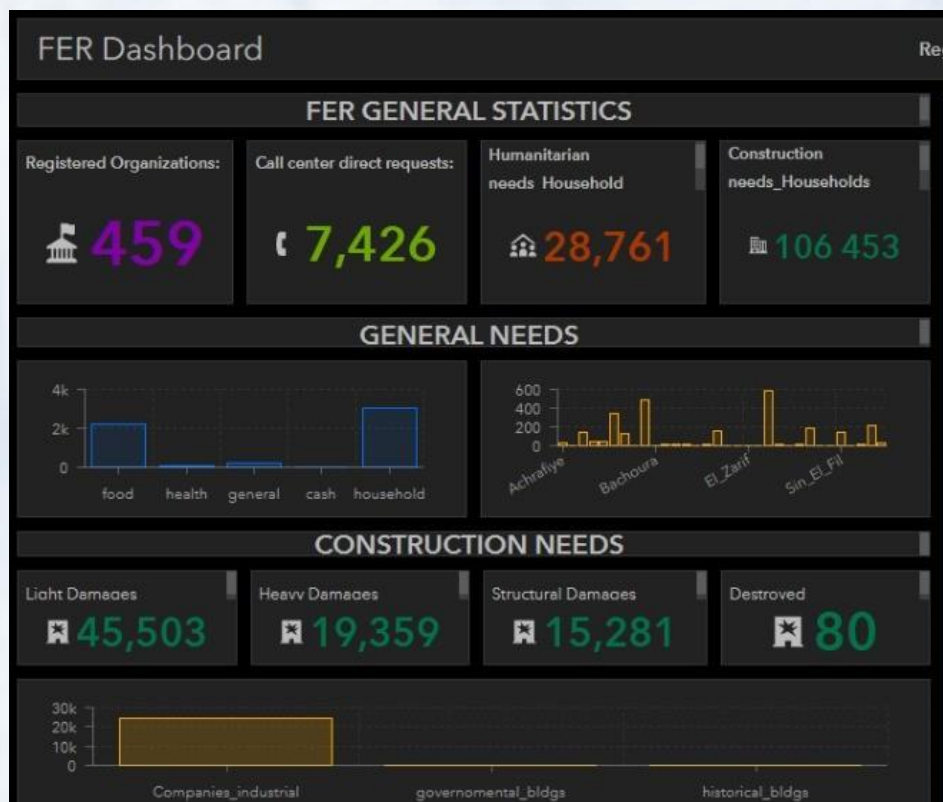
An Emirati humanitarian ship has arrived in Lebanon on 23 September 2020 carrying 2,400 tons of relief aid, including food, food supplements for children, sanitizers, personal protective equipment, clothes and medical supplies, to help limit the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic in Lebanon. The aid will be distributed in coordination with the relevant Lebanese authorities based on a detailed plan through the Emirates Red Cross.

SHELTER

The Forward Emergency Room (FER) SitRep – 25.9.2020.



- Affordability and availability of construction materials are the main concerns in meeting shelter needs after the explosion, particularly for the most economically vulnerable people (ACTED 08/2020).
- 3326.4 m² of donated Glass (6 mm) were provided by the FER to 3 NGOs and 1 University to conduct minor repairs in the assessed houses (FER SitRep 25.9.2020).
- UNHCR is distributing targeted core relief items to 350 families, comprising over 1,500 individuals that were identified since the end of August in Karantina. Around 71% of recipient families are Lebanese and 27% are Syrian. (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020).
- The initial rapid shelter assessment conducted by the UN Shelter Sector appealing partners across 12,305 apartments (12% of total in affected area) in 2,833 buildings (21% of total in affected area) has indicated the level of damage in each of the assessed units (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020):



Summary of interventions in the affected areas:	Total Cumulative	New in reporting period
No. of houses assessed	28,761	4,104
No. of restored houses	1,832	1,024
No. of stabilized houses	19	2
No. of houses evacuated	72	0
No. of houses under restoration	1,425	767
No. of NGOs engaged	35	0

52,003 apartments	13,828 apartments	11,459 apartments
Level 1 damage: Minor	Level 2 damage: Moderate	Level 3 damage: Heavy
Minor damages to property such as broken glass, doors, locks, collapse of false ceiling. There are no structural damages at this level. The shelter remains habitable with no or minor compromises on safety, security, and access to services, including water, sanitation, and electricity.	Moderate damages to property, no apparent structural damage. At this level, the apartment is either not habitable or habitable with safety and security of the premises compromised. Services including water, sanitation and electricity are not or may be only partly accessible	Show heavy damages of structural (load bearing) and/or architectural elements, with possible collapse presenting acute risk at both resident household and community/street level. Several buildings have collapsed either immediately or within days after the explosion. (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020)

HEALTH

- 120 medical packages donated by more than 30 countries were distributed to public and private hospitals in Lebanon through the Ministry of Public Health and the Forward Emergency Room in coordination with the National Committee of Medical Aid at the Prime Ministers Office. For more information about the medical aid items received by hospital, visit MoPH official website: <https://www.moph.gov.lb/ar/Media/view/40096/distribution-of-aid-and-medical-assistance-to-the-hospitals-following-beirut-blast-on-4-8-2020>
- During the reporting period, Iman Sadr Foundation, Caritas, Jesuite Refugee Service (JSR), International Medical Corps (IMC) and UNFPA provided 493 MHPSS interventions – including psychological first aid (PFA), awareness and counseling, and medication – through mixed modalities, such as home visits, mobile units, tents and PHC (OCHA #12 – 23.9.2020). Since the start of the response, at least 2,676 MHPSS consultations were provided by these actors. (OCHA #12 – 23.9.2020).
- Since the explosion, the International Medical Corps has delivered 26 shipments of medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE)—including masks, gloves and gauze—to 18 PHCCs and eight hospitals in Beirut (International Medical Corps, Beirut Explosion SitRep #6, 22.9.2020).

The IMC team has provided more than 1,100 medical consultations and 1,750 psychological first-aid consultations through mobile medical units that were deployed to highly impacted areas of Geitaoui-Karm El Zeitoun, Mar Mikhael, Burj Hammoud and Medawar

FOOD SECURITY

- Up to date 94,056 (27127 new) food items were provided to people in the affected area through the FER and its Food Security Partners:



Food Boxes
5507 (new)

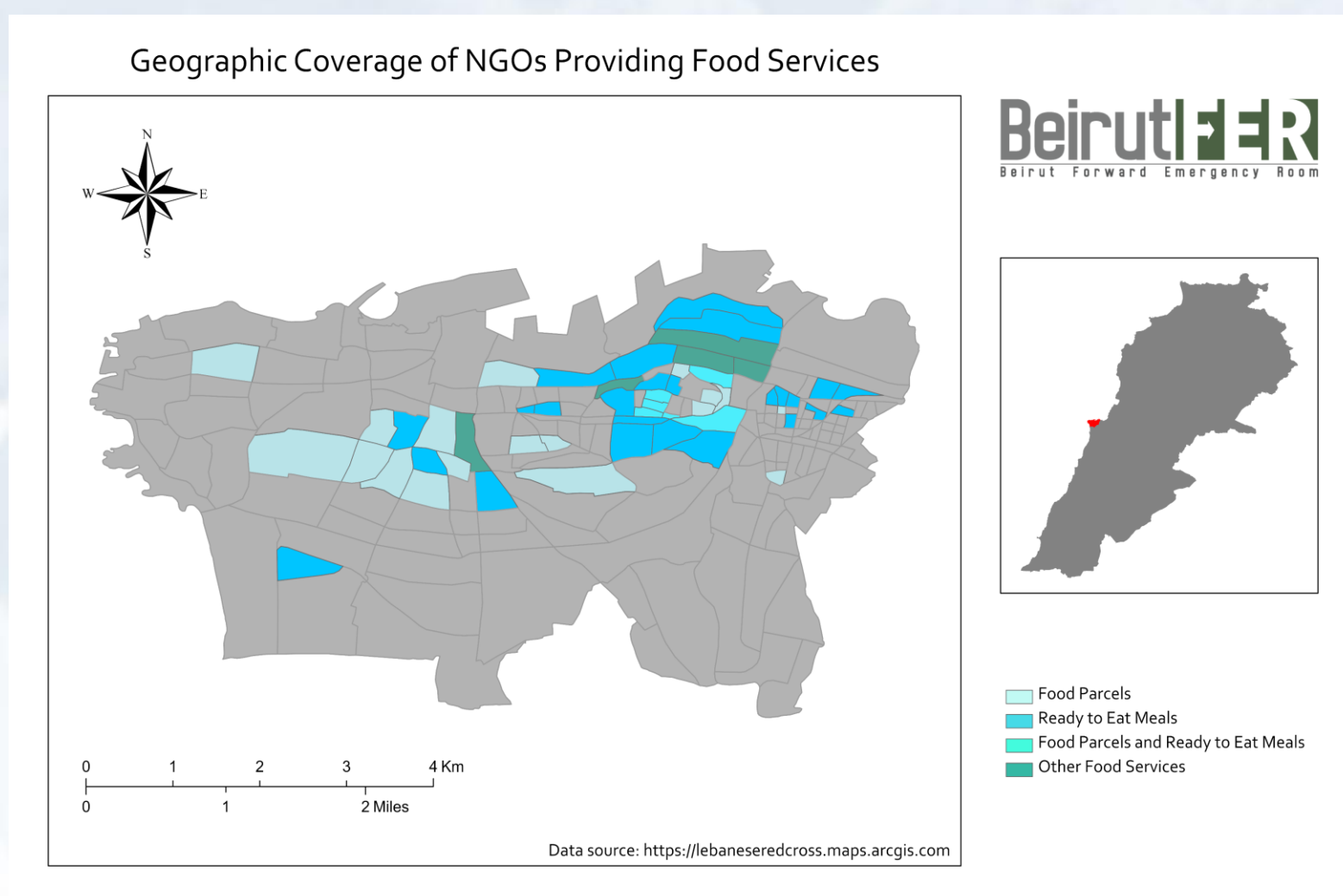


Hot Meals
18479 (new)



Food Parcels
3141 (new)

- During reporting period 2,295 households were reached out with 92,000 hot-ready to eat meals and 44,000 food parcels (OCHA SitRep #12 – 23.9.2020).
- WFP and partners delivered multi-purpose cash assistance for those affected by the explosions and most economically vulnerable. Those targeted will receive 1,680,000 LBP over the next six months.



26 NGOs are collaborating with Beirut FER and have access to the workforce platform:

Ahbab al khayr al ejtima3iya, Ahla fawda , Banin, Beit al 3ineye al llehiye, Chababik, CHREEK, Common Effort, Compassion Protestant Society , Ensan, Esteklal El Khayriyye, Farah social foundation , Jam3iyat Aamal Tanmawi Bila Houdoud, Jannnat Bladi Foundation, Jouzourouna , El Jarrah Scouts , Koun Ijabi, Lebanon of tomorrow, Little Push, El Jarrah Guides, MSD , Nusaned, OMNI Games Of Beirut, Rabitat Abnae Bayroun , Rachet Kheir , Son of Man , and World Vision

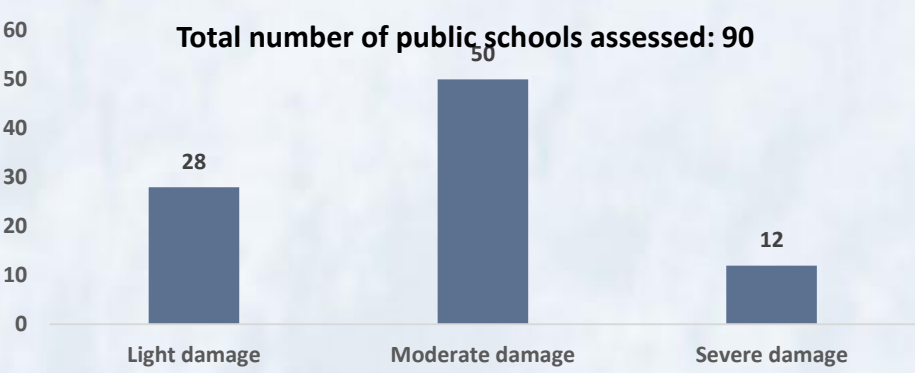
PROTECTION

- Over 1.600 individuals have been identified as in need of specific support including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS); individual support; emergency cash assistance (ECA); services for persons with specific needs, such as persons living with disabilities; individual rehabilitation services; and legal aid (UNHCR, SitRep 20.9.2020). As of 16 September, UNHCR has been able to support:
 - 5.400 exchanges with affected individuals through home visits and outreach activities.
 - 140 households received ECA.
 - 470 individuals, helping them to pay for their most basic needs.
 - 750 persons received specialized mental health and psychosocial support,
 - 200 persons were assisted with legal advice
- Since the beginning of response, 47.500 individual were reached out through the UN coordinated response with protection, gender-based violence outreach and risk mitigation activities, information awareness sessions, legal assistance, community-based child protection activities, mental health psychological support and other related consultations and emergency response (OCHA, SitRep #12 – 23.9.2020).

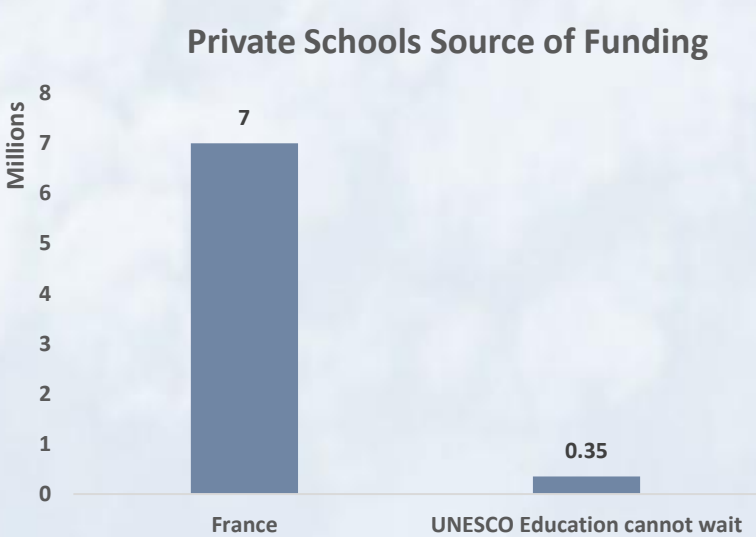
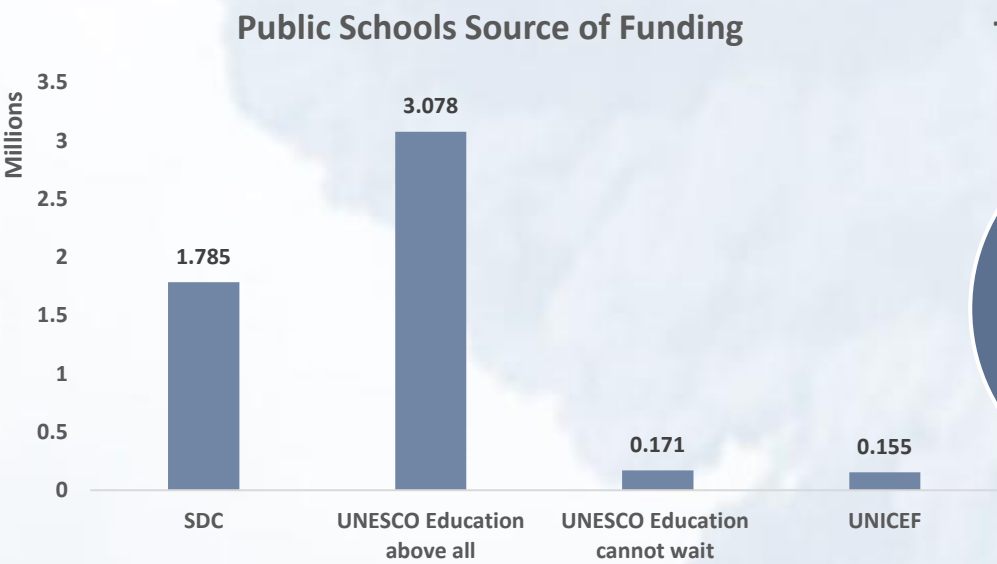
EDUCATION

Beirut Blast Impact Updates: Ministry of Education and Higher Education FACT SHEET on School Rehabilitation September 17, 2020

- Assessment of physical damages to public schools has been completed. In total, 90 public schools are damaged with different levels of damage (28 light damage, 50 moderate damage, 12 severe damage).
- So far, 73 private schools have reported damages. The estimated cost for rehabilitation is USD 15M, excluding equipment and furniture. UN-Habitat assessment of private schools is ongoing and will include costing updates.
- The rapid assessment of the Directorate of TVET reveals that 5 campuses and 20 buildings have been affected by the Beirut blasts. The assessment estimates USD 1.5M cost for rehabilitation, excluding equipment and furniture. UNICEF is currently undertaking a thorough assessment of all affected facilities.
- Twenty buildings in the Lebanese University have been affected by the blasts and will require rehabilitation, which is estimated at USD 1M. These funding requirements have been secured by UNESCO



Type	#	Updated estimates	Available funds	Gap
Public School	90	5189000	100%	0
Private School	73	15000000	49%	51%
TVET	29	1500000	80%	20%
Higher Education	20	1000000	100%	0



Web Links

Weekly situation reports by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
<http://drm.pcm.gov.lb>

Donors Coordination Platform
<http://dcp.pcm.gov.lb>

Forward Emergency Room FER Website:
www.beirutfer.com

BEIRUT RESIDENTS’ PERSPECTIVES ON AUGUST 4 BLAST
World Bank Group September 2020
<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Beirut%20residents%E2%80%99perspectives%20on%20August%204%20blast%20-%20Findings%20from%20a%20needs%20and%20perception%20survey.pdf>

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