

# EMERGENCY AID AT EYE LEVEL

## after the explosion in the port of Beirut

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The hopelessness and suffering of the people in Lebanon is enormous, even more so after the explosions. Hilfswerk International is therefore launching an emergency aid project that will ...



- have a **multiplier effect**,
- preserve the peoples **dignity** and prevents from having to beg,
- promote the **decision-making ability** of the people,
- strengthen **social cohesion**, and
- take a **holistic approach**.



**YOU DONATE TO  
HILFSWERK INTERNATIONAL  
FOR EMERGENCY AID BEIRUT**

GIVE



**WE COMPENSATE SPECIALISTS  
MADE UNEMPLOYED BY THE  
EXPLOSIONS**

ACT



**THESE SPECIALISTS SUPPORT  
OTHER PEOPLE IN NEED OF  
PROTECTION OR HELP WITH  
RECONSTRUCTION**

RISE



**MULTIPLIER EFFECT**  
YOUR DONATION WILL HELP PEOPLE  
IN BEIRUT TO REGAIN THEIR INCOME  
AND HELP OTHERS IN NEED THROUGH  
THEIR PROFESSION



In August 2020, an explosion in the port of Beirut, Lebanon, shook the entire region. This was followed by homelessness, unemployment, supply shortages and hunger:

- **200 people died** and **6,500** were injured
- **300,000 people** became homeless
- **154,000 homes** were destroyed
- **17 hospitals** are affected
- **Schools** are damaged, affects about **85,000 students**
- Much of the **grain and medicine supplies** have been destroyed
- Around **130,000 people** became **unemployed**

### Disaster hits Lebanon in the middle of the crisis

The incident hits the country not only in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also in the midst of a severe financial and economic crisis that has been ongoing for months. **Almost 50% of the population now lives below the poverty line.** The weakest members of the population (the elderly and those in need of support like refugees, women, children and people with disabilities and their families) are particularly at risk from the effects of the explosions.

Hilfswerk International has been active in Lebanon since 2006 and is well aware of the challenges in the country.

### Dignified emergency aid with multiplier effect

In order to overcome this humanitarian crisis and to secure the livelihoods of families, we are strengthening people who have become acutely unemployed and who, due to their qualifications, could be helping families in need in the crisis

and help with the reconstruction of Beirut. This not only gives the people an income, but also ensures that the socially weak, sick and acutely needy people are cared for during the crisis.

With this approach, we create temporary employment opportunities for vulnerable professionals who in return help other families.

### Example implementations

- Affected by the blast, a family of 5 lost their source of income. Instead of providing food parcels to the family, we are supporting the young daughter who is trained on working with children with difficulties. She is in turn providing psychosocial support to a traumatized family with 3 children who live right across the explosion site.
- A trained carpenter, who is unemployed since August 4th 2020, helps socially deprived families to make their destroyed homes habitable again.

### With your donation we can compensate people for their meaningful work.

Do not give alms.

Enable emergency aid at eye level with long-term effect!

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