

STANDING WITH LEBANON - OCTOBER 2020

UNHCR BEIRUT BLAST RESPONSE



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE PHASE



6,544 shelter weatherproofing kits (plastic sheeting, timber, plywood, associated tools) distributed to more than 20,000 affected people so they can secure external entrances and damaged windows, and restore privacy and security, and damaged windows, and restore privacy and security.



Cash assistance for shelter is a cash program designed to help affected households perform minor repairs in their houses or repay some of the costs they may have already incurred.



USD 600
paid in USD currency



11,500
Households targeted for cash for shelter

MEDIUM-TERM PHASE



Minor Repair
Small-scale housing repairs to external doors, internal doors, false ceilings, windows and minor plumbing works.



Rehabilitation
Repairs and improvements will also be done at the level of buildings and common areas.

PROTECTION TO HELP MEND THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS

The people affected and their communities are at the heart of UNHCR's response. Through existing partnerships and newly founded ones, individuals in immediate need are identified, and advice is given on the required services and assistance to secure people's basic rights and dignity, while laying the ground for emotional and material recovery and resilience.

Mental Health & Psychological Support (MHPSS) & Psychological First Aid (PFA)

Psychological first aid and psychosocial support is part of all the stages of our response - from emergency to recovery, to help survivors recover and rebuild their self-confidence and resilience. Frontliners are trained in PFA to receive and appropriately respond to calls from persons in distress, and refer individuals in need to specialized services, including tailored MHPSS.

661
people received psychological first aid

2,960
people received specialized mental health and psychological support



Community Engagement, Mobilization & Outreach

Trained Outreach Volunteers, community groups and UNHCR and partner staff in mobile units on the ground identify and refer people in need. A blast hotline was set up to provide information to people affected by the explosions, and refer them to specialized services.

9,800
exchanges with affected individuals through home visits and outreach activities



Individual case support

Emergency Cash Assistance as well as counselling is granted to vulnerable persons, such as older or disabled persons that have been impacted by the blast and in need of tailored support. This will allow families to cover medical needs, burials, recover necessary belongings and other immediate survival needs.

1,650
people received appropriate and tailored assistance



Legal aid to secure basic documents

Tailored legal aid is provided to help people obtain legal documents that were lost during the blast particularly, IDs, property documents, residency permits and civil documents that are important to access health services, education, justice, and claim compensation, etc.

200+
people supported with legal advice