



A Lebanese Red Cross volunteer comforts a woman affected by the Beirut Port Explosions while assessing needs in impacted neighborhoods of Lebanon's capital. Photo courtesy of the Lebanese Red Cross.

Appeal No:

MGRLB001

*Integrates Beirut Port Explosions
Emergency Appeal (MDRLB009)*

IFRC Secretariat Funding requirements: **CHF 37 million**

*(updated from CHF 20 million under the Beirut Port Explosions Emergency
Appeal (MDRLB009). The current funding gap is CHF 28 million)*

Federation-wide Funding requirements: **CHF 51 million**

People affected:

Est. 2.2 million people

People to be assisted:

Est. 625,600 *(increased from 105,600
under Beirut Port Explosions Emergency
Appeal (MDRLB009))*

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Appeal launched:

18 November 2021

Appeal ends:

31 December 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Lebanon has been facing an evolving complex humanitarian crisis since late 2019, generating widespread needs for assistance and protection. It is in this context that two powerful explosions occurred at the Port of Beirut on 4 August 2020, leaving devastating impacts while the country grapples with overlapping economic and financial crises, political volatility, and the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as hosting the highest refugee population per capita in the world.¹

The combined effects of these crises are leaving growing numbers of people in urgent need of support and deepening risks for vulnerable groups including migrants and refugees. UN-ESCWA estimates that 1.65 million people are living in **extreme** multidimensional poverty in Lebanon in 2021. This statistic relates to all nationalities living in residential settings. In addition, approximately 290,000 registered Syrian refugees and 210,000 registered Palestinian refugees living in non-residential settings are considered very likely to be impacted by extreme multidimensional poverty based on available vulnerability data from UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and UNRWA.² As of 2021, over 80% of people in Lebanon are classified as living in multidimensional poverty, which reflects deprivation across areas such as

TARGETING

This operation targets the needs of populations country-wide affected by the complex humanitarian crisis in Lebanon and supports the delivery and long-term sustainability of the **Lebanese Red Cross (LRC)** services. LRC is a key provider of pre-hospital and emergency medical services throughout the territory, including Blood Transfusion Services, complementing its leadership in the Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction sectors, and its perception as the most trusted organization in the country.⁴ As part of this holistic approach to needs in Lebanon, this Emergency Appeal will also support the response of **Palestine Red Crescent Society - Lebanon Branch (PRCS-L)** with a focus on health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). This intervention is based on the unique role of PRCS-L in reaching vulnerable Palestinians, and other vulnerable populations, through its medical/hospital services.



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Lebanon - Complex Humanitarian Crisis



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healthcare, electricity, water, sanitation, transportation, connectivity, and means of income.³ On top of this, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose risks and strain Lebanon's overburdened healthcare system.

¹ See https://ec.europa.eu/echo/where/middle-east/lebanon_en

² See <http://ialebanon.unhcr.org/vasyr/#/> and https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/2020_aor_eng.pdf

³ See https://www.unescwa.org/sites/default/files/news/docs/21-00634-_multidimensional_poverty_in_lebanon_-_policy_brief_-_en.pdf

⁴ See [World Bank perception study 2020: https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/614701601050157843/pdf/Brief.pdf](https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/614701601050157843/pdf/Brief.pdf)

A vulnerability matrix will be developed to assess needs and prioritization among the targeted population. The criteria used within that matrix will be created and communicated with target population representatives through clear channels of communication to establish a framework for accountability.

PLANNED OPERATIONS

This Emergency Appeal incorporates the initial IFRC Beirut Port Explosions Emergency Appeal (CHF 20 million) and related activities planned to date and addresses the broader complex humanitarian crisis in the country mainly related to the socioeconomic crisis and the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. This integrated and expanded Emergency Appeal results in **funding ask of CHF 37 million** (with a current funding gap of CHF 28 million) **until December 2023, ultimately targeting 625,600 people**. This is based on an increased number of people to be assisted, an extended timeframe, an increase in activities, and an enlarged geographic scope. This Emergency Appeal is part of an IFRC-wide ask of CHF 51 million, which supports the Strategy and Plan of LRC for 2022-2024, complementing the fundraising efforts of LRC, and comprising the support of IFRC member National Societies bilaterally contributing to the response, and through the current IFRC Secretariat Emergency Appeal. This Emergency Appeal also supports the delivery of health and WASH services by PRCS-L to vulnerable populations impacted by the situation in the country.

The strategy focuses on the following sectors:

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 Health & Care including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
(Mental Health and psychosocial support / Community Health / Medical Services)
- 
 Integrated Assistance
(Livelihoods, Multi-purpose Cash, Shelter, Housing and Settlements)
- 
 Protection and Prevention
(Risk Reduction, Climate adaptation and Recovery, Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI), Migration, Environmental Sustainability)

Enabling approaches

The sectors outlined above will be supported and enhanced by the following enabling approaches:

- 
 Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA)
- 
 Coordination and Partnerships
- 
 IFRC Secretariat Services
- 
 National Society Strengthening

Details of the operation will be outlined in the upcoming Operational Strategy, including response activities of contributing National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. **Targets are based on current information and may be revised upon further consultation with the National Societies.**

RED CROSS RED CRESCENT FOOTPRINT IN COUNTRY

Lebanese Red Cross



Core areas of operation	
	
Number of staff:	399
Number of volunteers:	13,000
Number of branches	32

Palestine Red Crescent Society - Lebanon Branch



Core areas of operation	
	
Number of staff:	800
Number of volunteers:	369

The LRC was established in 1945 as auxiliary to the public authorities for humanitarian assistance and is the primary provider for ambulance care and blood transfusion services in Lebanon, which are provided free of charge. LRC is also known for providing other services such as medico-social and disaster management services. In agreement with LRC, PRCS-L provides health services to the Palestinian diaspora and other vulnerable populations in Lebanon.

External engagement: LRC and PRCS-L are coordinating their response closely with public authorities and with external partners and other organizations, including UN agencies, through a wide range of platforms in the country. This engagement ensures that LRC and PRCS-L operations build on their recognized core areas of operation while complementing the actions of other actors.

IFRC membership coordination: LRC and PRCS-L are supported by the IFRC Secretariat, and a number of participating National Societies present in Lebanon or working remotely. Through this Emergency Appeal, the IFRC Secretariat will provide support for a coherent and coordinated Federation-wide approach, which will be further elaborated in the upcoming Operational Strategy, in addition to ensuring full accountability for funding it will channel for this humanitarian crisis.

Movement coordination: LRC and PRCS-L are also supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and coordination in Lebanon for the optimal humanitarian impact of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is anchored in a Movement Cooperation Agreement outlining functional coordination mechanisms with regular meetings at the leadership, operational, and technical levels.

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