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UNICEF's response to the Beirut Port explosions

Pillars of our response

UNICEF has helped get children back to school, distributed essential nutrition and hygiene supplies, delivered psychosocial support, provided cash grants to the most vulnerable families and supported the rehabilitation of health care facilities, schools and water supply services.

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Keeping children safe and healthy, and ensuring their families have access to social assistance services

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Rehabilitating essential services, including water and sanitation, education and health infrastructure

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High youth engagement in cleaning and rehabilitation activities

Health and Nutrition

UNICEF and Partners:

- Saved more than 1.7 million doses of vaccines and distributed them to dispensaries and vaccination sites, while ensuring the cold chain is maintained for vaccine storage and at immunization points.

- Are rehabilitating the Karantina hospital's children and maternity wards, and the Central Supply and Drugs Warehouse and its cold chain.

- Rehabilitated and helped staff in three PHCCs, provided training, held counselling sessions related to maternal and newborn health, and distributed critical nutrition supplies to partners and PHCCs.

- Provided essential nutrition supplements to 45,700 children under 5.

Education

UNICEF and Partners:

- Are supporting the refurbishment and replacement of damaged furniture and laboratory equipment for 90 public schools affected by the explosions.

- Are rehabilitating 13 private and public schools.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

UNICEF and Partners:

- Provided access to safe sanitation for more than 197,000 people.

- Reconnected buildings to the public water system, reaching more than 23,000 people.

- Distributed some 16,500 hygiene kits and 790 baby kits.

Child Protection



UNICEF and Partners:

- Reached more than 35,000 girls, boys, women and caregivers with quality child protection and gender-based violence interventions.
- Reached more than 2 million people with short videos to support caregivers in helping children cope with the situation and encouraging them to access specialized services within their communities.
- Developed a psychosocial support programme for children and families in vulnerable neighbourhoods that were impacted by the explosions.

Adolescents and Youth



UNICEF and Partners:

- Engaged more than 1,900 youth in a community-based response, about half of them as part of cash-for-work programmes, including 188 who had been trained in rehabilitation and construction as part of UNICEF's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses. The young people removed debris, carried out minor repairs, and prepared and distributed meals to vulnerable families.
- Engaged young people to support production of 23,154 masks and distribute them to affected families and frontline workers.

Social Policy



UNICEF and Partners:

- Provided a one-off emergency cash grant to 80,000 vulnerable people, primarily in households with children.

Communications for Development (C4D)



UNICEF and Partners:

- Conducted awareness-raising activities on key healthy and protective behaviours, including COVID-19 preventive measures.

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