



How Philanthropists Can Provide Aid to Those Affected by the Beirut Explosion

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A [massive explosion](#) in the port of Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4th caused catastrophic damage throughout the city. It is estimated that at least 137 people were killed and 5,000 were wounded. Hundreds of thousands of residents have been displaced from their homes. At least one hospital was destroyed, as well as food and other storage facilities, putting further strain on resources already stretched by a pre-existing economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whenever a disaster occurs, many people want to help—but may be unsure of where to start. If you decide to recommend a grant from your NPT DAF to help with Beirut relief, please indicate “Beirut Explosion Relief” as the purpose of your grant to ensure that the charity correctly designates your gift. We encourage our donors to research all charities and charitable impact prior to entering a grant recommendation.

Here is a non-exhaustive list of charities working to provide relief to those affected by the explosion in Beirut.

ActionAid USA (EIN 52-2277575)

In coordination with local partner organizations, ActionAid USA is providing supplies such as food, hygiene kits and transportation to local shelters.

CARE (EIN 13-1685039)

CARE is helping to provide food, shelter and sanitation items to those in need, as well as psychosocial support and emergency cash assistance.

Center for Disaster Philanthropy (EIN 45-5257937)

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy’s Global Recovery Fund pools contributions to issue grants for medium- and long-term recovery efforts.

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) (EIN 13-3433452)

In the immediate aftermath of the explosion, MSF provided staff and first aid dressing kits. MSF is now coordinating donations of medical supplies to support facilities caring for injured people, working within Lebanon’s medical system in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health.

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Humanity & Inclusion* (EIN 55-0914744)

Since 1992, Humanity & Inclusion has worked in Lebanon, most recently to support Syrian refugees. The organization is providing physical therapists and psychosocial experts to help treat and support those that have been injured.

**Formerly known as Handicap International*

International Medical Corps (EIN 95-3949646)

International Medical Corps is working to get emergency supplies and staff to hospitals in need. The organization is also providing mental healthcare to survivors.

Islamic Relief USA (EIN 95-4453134)

Islamic Relief has been working in Lebanon since 2006 and is focused on providing food and other emergency essentials to those affected.

Project HOPE (EIN 53-0242962)

Project HOPE is working closely with local partners to provide medical supplies, protective gear and other assistance.

Save the Children (EIN 06-0726487)

Save the Children is working to reunite children and parents and to provide support for the most urgent needs of children and families in Beirut.

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