

Beirut – A Special Supplement

A message from Christine Allen, CAFOD Director

You may have already seen the news about Beirut.

On the evening of Tuesday 4 August, two large explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital sent enormous shockwaves across the city.

Homes and livelihoods are destroyed. More than a hundred people have been killed. Thousands more are seriously injured and rescue workers are still searching for missing people.

Thankfully, you can help by visiting

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Beirut-Emergency-Appeal>

Your support of our Beirut Emergency Appeal will provide the people of Beirut with the things they need to survive – medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelter. Through the work of local experts across our Church network, we can reach survivors and their families.

We were incredibly shocked and saddened when we heard the news of the explosions from our colleagues in Beirut. We then saw the dramatic footage that followed. Our colleagues are shaken, but thankfully they are safe.

Sadly, the same cannot be said for others. This disaster has only added to an existing social and economic crisis in Lebanon. Under the strain of coronavirus, hospitals and doctors across the country were already reporting shortages of vital medical supplies and PPE. The explosions in Beirut have put them under even greater strain. Please continue to pray for everyone affected by this terrible incident.