



**BEIRUT
EMERGENCY
DISASTER
RELIEF PLAN**



RESTORING CHILDHOOD
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THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT

This past week, Beirut Port was hit with a devastating explosion. The blast wave levelled buildings near the port and caused extensive damage over much of the rest of the capital, which is home to two million people. Hospitals were quickly overwhelmed.

The tragedy has resulted in around 200 dead so far and 5,000 injured. More than 300,000 people have been displaced from their homes. According to UNICEF, 100,000 of those are children.

The Lebanese people are shocked and traumatized, being separated from their families, with many still missing. The explosion destroyed three hospitals and severely damaged two more, further deepening the critical financial and pandemic-related situation.

Add to that the psychological trauma this blast has left behind. Children who are now traumatized, scared of any loud sound they hear. Children and families who survived but now see death in their dreams. A whole nation broken trying to make sense of this murderous blast. A whole nation who needs to heal while they clean the streets of their beloved city, the homes of their families and friends and neighbors; and splitting their food with others in need. A nation that, in its devastation, is coming together yet needs all the help it can get to rebuild the homes and the lives of the people who lost it all.

Lebanon's economic crisis began in November 2019 and continues to worsen till present day. Toppled with COVID-19, the Lebanese were pushed into a state of deep poverty. The disastrous explosion that took place has rendered hundreds of thousands homeless, in need of food, water, house repair, medical help, and mental support.



Beirut, Gemayze Street. Photo by Carl Khoury

HOW AFEL HELPS

Aid Distribution

In these tough times, food, water, and sanitary items have become a necessity. We are currently distributing boxes to the children's families that offer the above.

Psycho-social Support

Afel is offering Psycho-social support through a team of specialized counselors to the children and the families that are currently experiencing trauma, anxiety, and require emotional support.



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Home Restoration

Afel is on the ground analyzing the needs of the families whose homes have been destroyed or damages, so we can rebuild their homes.

Shelter for Abused Children

Afel's doors remain open to the children facing abuse and unacceptable living conditions in those tough times. In such stressful times, child abuse tends to rise significantly, unfortunately making children more at risk of abuse.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



We are urgently calling upon your generosity to help us fulfill our mission of Restoring Homes in Beirut.

Donations are accepted through the following methods:

www.afel.org.lb/donation-page/

Local & International Donations Accepted

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FAVOR: ASSOCIATION DU FOYER DE L'ENFANT LIBANAIS (AFEL)

IBAN:

LB21 0093 0000 0003 0032 73661 USD

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SWIFT: EUMOLBBE

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IBAN: LB27 0093 0000 0035 0082 0366 1USD

SWIFT: EUMOLBBE

Bank Transfer - EUROPE

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ABOUT AFEL

Founded in 1976, Afel is a non-political, non-confessional organization that takes vulnerable and abused children under their wing, nurtures them back to health, and provides the ability to live a developed life with a support system around them. AFEL is recognized by the Lebanese State by virtue of the 1977 Decree No. 97 AD, and declared of public utility as of 1987. Afel has since taken under its wing more than 5,000 children, enhancing the daily lives of countless people. Through AFEL, children who were once under serious threat are able to flourish and live a fully developed life, with opportunities around every corner.

As a guarantee of Afel's legitimacy and transparency, all on the ground and relief efforts are documented and circulated via our social media platforms. We encourage our donors and sponsors to follow us via Facebook, Instagram, and our Website, as all our latest initiatives kept up to date.



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