

AFF MEMBER UPDATES:

In August, Beirut was rocked by a series of devastating explosions that wreaked havoc throughout the capital and beyond, causing an already fragile socio-economic situation to worsen. Here are some of the interventions our member organizations implemented to support the communities in Lebanon as they continue to, once again, rebuild the city's infrastructure and the morale of its inhabitants.

AUB – American University of Beirut



The American University of Beirut: Responding to the August 4 explosion in the Beirut Port

Within minutes of the devastating explosion in the Beirut port on August 4, 2020, AUB doctors, nurses, and medical staff were preparing to care for the injured who they knew would come. In the first 24 hours, more than 500 casualties were treated [at the AUB Medical Center](#). Although our first response was focused on caring for those who were injured, we quickly turned our attention to the significant needs in our community. As part of the [AUB4Beirut Disaster Response](#), we have expanded outreach initiatives and established new units that are helping with [clean-up and minor repairs](#); performing [safety inspections of buildings](#); [recycling material that could be re-used](#); and [providing food](#) and medications. Another priority is to secure funds for needs on our campus: especially [student scholarships](#) and repairs to the many [buildings](#) that were damaged on August 4, including [our museum](#).