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| **APPLICATION STRATEGY** | | **2020** |
| **Funding Window:** | **Rapid Response** |  |
| Application Strategy should be completed with inputs from agencies and/or sector/cluster leads | | **V.20190801.EN** |
| Requested application strategy information should be inserted in the white cells of the tables below. Please make sure all white cells are filled out as necessary. | | |

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| **Section 1. Applicant Information** | | |
| **Country** | Lebanon | |
| **Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator** | Click here to enter text. | |
| **Focal Point** | **Name:** Click here to enter text. | |
| **Agency:** Select an item from drop-down | |
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| **Geographical area(s) of implementation**  *(first-level and second-level administrative divisions)* | **Beirut Governorate – entire area**  **Mt. Lebanon Governorate – Metn district** | |
| **Funding** *(Please only insert numbers in the white cells below)* | | |
| **Total amount required for the humanitarian response for the relevant geographical areas and sector**[C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](https://iseek-newyork.un.org/) **(US$)** | |  |
| **Total amount received for the humanitarian response (US$)** | |  |
| **Total amount of CERF funding requested** [C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](https://cerf.un.org/)(**US$)** | | 6,000,000 |

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| **Section 2. Humanitarian Context and response strategy (3 pages max)** |
| **Humanitarian situation**  *Describe the humanitarian situation and the main humanitarian consequences informed by needs assessments. What are the causes of the humanitarian situation? Who is affected?[C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary2)* |
| Explosion of a warehouse on 04 August 2020 with 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate in immediate vicinity of central Beirut caused widespread damage and loss of life. At least 160 people were killed, and more than 5,000 people were injured. At least 100 buildings were assessed as at risk of collapse and vacated by families (approx. 5,000 persons). The blast wave damage thousands of apartments in other buildings, displacing up to 300,000 people. Length of displacement will be most likely linked to the level of damage sustained to houses and apartments, but may exceed half a year to a year in case of most destroyed buildings.  A rapid shelter assessment identified Beirut’s districts of Gemmayzeh, Mar Mikhael, Ashrafiyeh and Qarantina as priority areas, but extensive shelter needs prevail also in the impoverished areas east and south of the blast site (among others Burj Hammoud). 3 hospitals are destroyed, while 20 primary healthcare centers sustained moderate-to-serious damage.  The blast caused significant damage to the Beirut Port, alongside with warehouses. As Lebanon imports majority of its food, closure of its main seaport, even temporary, exacerbate food insecurity, which was already growing amid COVID-19 pandemic and prolonged socio-economic crisis. While on 8 August, Beirut Port’s Container Terminal resumed offloading ships after being partially affected by the blasts, restoration of unloading capacity for grain and other granular materials is a priority.  This mass casualty accident, with thousands of wounded, exacerbated shortages of medicines, disposables, dressing materials and equipment experienced across the healthcare system of Lebanon. The explosion has destroyed a shipment of COVID Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), imported by the WHO, as well as damaged main warehouse for medical supplies in Beirut port. While substantial in-kind assistance was delivered to-date, shortage of medical supplies and COVID PPEs undermine not only current health response but pose grave danger to patients and staff in view of surging number of COVID-19 infections. Over the last week, Lebanon witnessed highest daily levels of COVID infections ever recorded. |
| **Humanitarian response strategy**  *What is the overall humanitarian response plan? What are the strategic objectives of the response? How many people are targeted in total? Where? What are the priorities? (Please note this is the overall humanitarian response strategy, summarizing the Humanitarian Response Plan, Flash Appeal or other coordinated plan. The description of the specific strategy for the CERF funded projects is in a later section.)* |
| Humanitarian response to the Beirut explosions takes place against the background of other humanitarian programs implemented in Lebanon, chiefly in response to the Syrian refugee crisis (Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, coordinated by UNHCR and UNDP) and COVID-19 pandemics. As those two response plans cover the entire country, the response strategy will cover a well-defined area, set out by both Lebanese authorities and the UN HCT, which is preparing a Flash Appeal. In terms of geographic extent, it covers Beirut Governorate and the municipalities of Burj Hammoud, Sin El-Fil and Baouchriyeh in Mount Lebanon Governorate. Should a Sector identify needs as a result of the Beirut Port Blast in other areas these can be included on an *ad hoc* basis, for instance in respect to public services that had to be relocated from the impacted area.  In addition to Health, Shelter and Logistics, identified as priority clusters for CERF funding, the humanitarian response to the Beirut explosions includes other clusters, such as protection, WASH and education. (useful to mention here about roll-out of cluster approach)  The set of CERF Rapid Reponse grants was prepared and submitted before Flash Appeal was finalized. (don’t know what else to write in this section) |
| **Consideration of four priority areas[[1]](#footnote-1)**  *While CERF remains needs based, the ERC will be looking for the selected country teams to present a joint strategy to more systematically and effectively address these important areas through CERF allocations. A joint strategy can include targeted sectoral action, collective actions across sectors to jointly address the issues, or a combination of both. The aim is for country teams to make the best use of CERF funds and demonstrate a fundamental impact in these areas.* |
| **Joint strategy on the four priority areas**  *Describe the humanitarian country team’s joint strategy to address the four priority areas. What will the CERF funds enable humanitarian partners to do that is not currently being done? What is the collective impact in these areas that the humanitarian partners aim to achieve through CERF funds? If these four areas are already addressed by existing efforts or are not applicable in this particular context, please explain this.* |
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| **Women and girls, including gender-based violence**  *How did the RC/HC and the country team consider this priority in the in-country prioritization of CERF funds?* |
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| **Programmes targeting persons with disabilities**  *How did the RC/HC and the country team consider this priority in the in-country prioritization of CERF funds?* |
| As the proposed activities are implemented as an addition to regular, annual programming under refugee-centred Lebanon Crisis Response Plan and COVID-19 response plans, it does not target in particular persons with disabilities, with the exception of their higher eligibility under the proposed Cash for Rent programs. |
| **Education in protracted crises**  *How did the RC/HC and the country team consider this priority in the in-country prioritization of CERF funds?* |
| As Education Sector has not yet assessed damage to schools, majority of which are private, education has not been prioritized for this CERF response. |
| **Other aspects of protection**  *How did the RC/HC and the country team consider this priority in the in-country prioritization of CERF funds?* |
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| **Sector/cluster response strategy**  *For each sector/cluster included in this CERF application, provide the following details: How is each sector/cluster responding to the overall needs? What is the target population? What are the overall outputs? If applicable: Describe the overall response according to the Humanitarian Response Plan or other humanitarian planning document.* |
| (to be inserted from the Flash Appeal) |

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| **Total number of persons affected by the crisis** |  |

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| **Persons directly targeted by the CERF allocation**  *Number of individuals directly targeted with CERF funding by category and by sector/cluster, based on the projects included in this application. Please include only people who directly received goods or services from the projects and avoid, as best possible, double-counting (please insert numbers only).* |

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|  | **People targeted by category** |
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| [**Refugees**C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary1) |  |
| [**Returnees**C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary1) |  |
| [**Internally displaced persons**C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](https://www.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/GuidingPrinciplesDispl.pdf) |  |
| [**Other affected persons**C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary2) |  |
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| **People targeted by sex and age** | **Men (≥18)** | **Women (≥18)** | **Boys (<18)** | **Girls (<18)** | [**Total**[C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary2)](#Beneficiary2) |
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| **Persons with Disabilities**  (Out of the total targeted) |  |  |  |  | **0** |

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| **By Sector/cluster**  *(Delete rows as necessary)* | **Men (≥18)** | **Women (≥18)** | **Boys (<18)** | **Girls (<18)** | [**Total**[C:\Users\niraj.ishwar\Documents\My Received Files\icon-info.png](#Beneficiary2)](#Beneficiary2) |
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| **Estimate of persons targeted**  *Briefly describe the approach used to estimate persons targeted by category and by sector/cluster in the tables above* |
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| **Is this submission based on one or more needs assessments?**  *Please provide the type of assessment(s) carried out (e.g. joint multi-sector, Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA), etc.), date of assessment(s), and humanitarian partners involved. If none were undertaken, please provide an explanation for the lack of assessment.* |
| Yes |
| The submission is based on several needs assessments that have been carried out in the affected area by:   * Lebanese Red Cross and its partners, focused on population vulnerability, housing damage and key humanitarian aid needs, * UN-Habitat and Beirut Municipality, looking at building damage * WHO and its partners, focused on damage to health facilities. * WFP / Logistics cluster assessment of port facility.   The area affected by the disaster is reasonably limited and first initial results were received by 10 August. |
| **Do the requesting agencies have the capacity for immediate implementation and timely delivery of assistance (access, sufficient staff, clearance for imports, etc.) following the approval of funding by the ERC?**  *If ”No” or in case of expected limitations, please explain below.* |
| Yes |
| The agencies involved in this CERF response have been involved in Syrian Refugee Response and annual programs in Lebanon. They have adequate staffing and implementation capacity to implement proposed activities. Humanitarian access is not an issue in Beirut and its surroundings. (update on the customs) |

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| **Section 3. Proposed CERF response (1 page)** |
| **CERF strategy, priorities and synergies**  *What is the focus and strategic objective of the CERF request? What priorities will CERF support? Who is targeted, with what and where? What are the synergies between the proposed activities and/or sector/clusters? (1 page)* |
| (I did not participate in the deliberations but a samplew inserted below, copied here)  In terms of geographic extent, it covers Beirut Governorate and the municipalities of Burj Hammoud, Sin El-Fil and Baouchriyeh in Mount Lebanon Governorate. Should a Sector identify needs as a result of the Beirut Port Blast in other areas these can be included on an *ad hoc* basis, for instance in respect to public services that had to be relocated from the impacted area. |
| **Funding analysis and complementarity**  *Please provide a short analysis of the funding situation for this emergency, including funding by cluster, funding trends and information on other available resources (such as in-kind, hard pledges, affected-government response and funding from other pooled funds, if applicable). How will CERF funds complement other resources?*  *If a country-based humanitarian pooled funding (CBPF) mechanism exists, explain how it will be used to complement the funds requested from CERF. If the country-based pooled fund is not used for this crisis, please explain why.* |
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| **Prioritization process**  *How was the overall CERF strategy developed? How did the Humanitarian Country Team jointly prioritize the request? What criteria were used and which factors considered? (1/4 page)* |
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| **Monitoring**  *How will the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator and the Humanitarian Country Team be kept abreast of the implementation of the CERF grant? (1/4 page)* |
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| **Section 4. CERF application summary table**  *Please fill out one table listing all projects submitted as part of this grant request. Keep the number of projects limited. Total should correspond to the amount requested to CERF. Add or delete rows from the table as required. A map can be added after the table (optional).* | | | | |
|  | **Requesting Agency** | **Sector/Cluster**  *(if project has multiple sectors, please list each one in the same row)* | **Total Project Requirement** *(US$)* | **Amount requested from CERF**  *(US$)* |
| 1 | WHO | Health |  | 4,000,000 |
| 2 | WFP | Logistics |  | 1,000,000 |
| 3 | UN Habitat | Shelter |  | 1,000,000 |
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| [**Total**](#Beneficiary1) **Amount Requested from CERF *(US$)*** | | | | **6,000,000** |

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| **Section 5. CERF geographic summary table**  *The purpose of this section is to present the projects by proposed areas of geographic coverage so that the CERF secretariat can clearly understand the geographic coherence of the proposed CERF-funded response.* | | | |
|  | **Geographic area**  *(first-level administrative division – e.g. province or state)*  *(one geographic listing per row)* | **Sector/Cluster**  *(please list individual sectors even if included in a multiple sector project)* | **Requesting Agency** |
| 1 | Beirut | Health - Health | WHO |
| 2 | Beirut | Logistics - Common Logistics | WFP |
| 3 | Beirut | Emergency Shelter and NFI - Shelter and Non-Food Items | UN Habitat |
| 4 | Mt. Lebanon | Emergency Shelter and NFI - Shelter and Non-Food Items | UN Habitat |
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1. In January 2019, the Emergency Relief Coordinator identified four priority areas as often underfunded and lacking appropriate consideration and visibility when funding is allocated to humanitarian action. The ERC therefore recommended an increased focus on these four areas to ensure that they be given due consideration by RC/HCs and UNCTs/HCTs when prioritizing life-saving needs for inclusion in CERF requests. These areas are: (1) support for women and girls, including tackling gender-based violence, reproductive health and empowerment; (2) programmes targeting disabled people; (3) education in protracted crises; and (4) other aspects of protection. Please see the Questions and Answers on the ERC four priority areas here <https://cerf.un.org/sites/default/files/resources/Priority_Areas_Q_A.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)