

# ADRA Lebanon Capacity Statement

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## Introduction

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Lebanon belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of 120 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA’s five core sectors include Food Security; Health; Economic Growth; Education; and Emergency Management. ADRA Lebanon has developed its expertise in these sectors and in various subsectors, specifically in specifically in Education and Emergency Management. Lebanon employs a team of experienced staff that design, manage, and implements its programs in accordance with donor, ADRA policies, and requirements. ADRA’s technical team includes teachers, social workers, community mobilizers and logistics and procurement officers. The administrative and managerial team includes Accountants, Administrative/HR Assistant, Program Manager, Program Coordinator, Finance Director, Communication Officer and Country Director.

## Technical Expertise

### Food Security and Livelihoods

ADRA Lebanon has been associated with the areas of food security and livelihoods since 2010 through the arrangement of food vouchers / CASH assistance, livelihood restoration grants, and emergency food assistance.

### Food Vouchers and E-Cards



*Above: ADRA Volunteer assisting elderly to purchase food and non-food items through her food voucher*

ADRA workers jump to respond in a context complicated by preexisting economic instability, rising levels of food insecurity, and the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing food e-cards, and to the 4 August 2020, Beirut Port

Explosion to support the most affected population including vulnerable Lebanese and refugee communities.

**ADRA Lebanon is an active contributing member of the education and child protection working groups coordinated by UNICEF & the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Affairs respectively.**

- ADRA Lebanon regularly coordinates with other local and International NGOs in similar sectors to ensure efficiency, fill gaps and avoid duplication of activities.
- Lessons learned are documented and used to inform future projects.
- Education activities are aligned to the government of Lebanon policies and UNHCR strategies.

ADRA has initiated its food security activities through the funding of ADRA International, the ADRA Network and the Canadian Food Grains Bank to address the most pressing needs of affected population through providing food vouchers and monthly food e-cards, to purchase their essential food items from a local supermarket. These projects are to help the families to meet their basic nutritional needs and to stray them away for taking on negative coping strategies such as sending their children to work or for early marriage.

## Livelihoods

### Innovative Skills for Lebanese and Refugee youth

Based on the high number of the vulnerable youth in Lebanon, ADRA also initiated programs equipping the left-out youth through a Programming and Coding Teaching project which will help them to learn modern technological skills so that they can stand out in the overcrowded Lebanese job market. ADRA has provided 26 young people with coding and programming skills and were trained by a highly IT skilled teacher. This project opened opportunities where many started their own online business.



*Above: participant of LEAD receiving a certificate for completing the program*



*Above: damaged business which will receive ADRA's assistance*

### Cash for Damaged Businesses

After the 4 August 2020 Port Explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, thousands of businesses were damaged causing people to lose their jobs and for business-owners to go in debt trying to repair their business. ADRA Lebanon stepped in with funding from CFGB to provide them with an amount which will help them repair their business, restart their work and re-hire their employees. Twenty-Eight food related businesses will benefit from this program in 2020.

## WASH

ADRA has also distinguished itself through the quality and effectiveness of its work in WASH. Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is at the center of ADRA's agenda– with a distinct sector goal that envisions universal, sustainable, and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene through the

construction of four 500-cubic meter water reservoirs in Bekaa and Baalbek, Lebanon; the distribution of water tanks to Syrian refugees living in Informal Tented Settlements; the installment of an elevated water tank in a Syrian refugee camp; and distribution of hygiene kits and COVID-19 disinfection kits to both Syrian and Palestinian refugees living in camps. Moreover, ADRA plans to add the rehabilitation of water networks and install pumps to ensure vulnerable populations have access to clean water.



### Drinking Safe Water

Limited access to water, poor sanitation a safe environment is a cross-cutting health concern in several villages in Lebanon. We currently have several projects that seeks to meet the critical water and sanitation needs of vulnerable residents equipping them with a safer environment.

ADRA has worked through local contractors to build four different water reservoir that are used to meet the critical water and sanitation needs of over 100,000 vulnerable Lebanese households and Syrian refugees living in Bekaa and Baalbek, Lebanon. These water reservoirs are 500-cubic meters and are connected to the water system of the households. To compliment this component, ADRA Lebanon conducts Water Awareness Sessions, improving water practices of families.

In addition, ADRA Lebanon through the funding of SlovakAid has installed a 10,000-liter Elevated Water tank in an Informal Tented Settlement which hosts 70 Syrian refugee households. This tank provides them with continuous water access even during electricity cuts. Prior to this intervention, these beneficiaries only had access to water perhaps three-times a week and had to fetch water from a far well.



*Photos - Top: 500-cubic meter water reservoir in Baalbek, Lebanon  
Bottom: elevated water tank in ITS - Bekaa, Lebanon*



## Waste Management

Lebanon's garbage crisis is becoming a threat to the entire and many vulnerable refugees are living in poor shelter conditions. ADRA in response has helped these vulnerable people by rehabilitating their homes and equipping them with a safer environment. A total of 749 refugee households has benefited from ADRA'S activity to support the households in Al Faour Village in Bekaa, Lebanon. ADRA has provided households with a 240-liter garbage and the community with 1,000-liter communal garbage bins, bin to support the sanitary needs of the village. To compliment this activity, waste management capacity building will be provided to the municipality and the households.



*Above: garbage bins distributed in Al Faour village in Bekaa, Lebanon*

## Hygiene

Through funding from LDS Charities, SlovakAid, Danida, and ADRA international, ADRA Lebanon supported 1,313 families with COVID-19 Disinfection Kits - to Palestinian and Syrian refugees living in camps in Bekaa and Baalbek, Lebanon. These disinfection kits were helped serve the most vulnerable communities since the outbreak as they live in camps with poor and unsanitary conditions.



*Above: beneficiary receiving his COVID-19 Disinfection Kit*

## Shelter

Syrian refugees and destitute Lebanese living in extremely poor conditions where many do not have walls, doors or windows to protect them or give them privacy. ADRA through the support of the Czech Republic has rehabilitated 296 shelters in Collective Shelters in Bekaa and Baalbek. This included the installation of partition walls, windows, doors, repair of sinks, instalment of water heaters or tanks. This project helped improve the living condition of these families, particularly in preparation of the winter.



*Above: sinks rehabilitated in a household in a collective shelter – Aarsal, Lebanon*

## Education

### Early Childhood Education and Retention Support

ADRA Lebanon has been increasing access to education for Syrian refugee children since August 2014 through Lebanese children across Lebanon, in the governorates of Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, and Baalbek. The aim of these projects is to open doors to education for vulnerable children, including those with special needs, to ensure they get their right to education and have a brighter future. The projects main components in 2020 were:

1. **Education Activities**– early childhood education and retention support
2. **Psychosocial / Recreational Activities** – for vulnerable host community and Syrian refugee children
3. **Community Outreach Activities** -

Community Outreach focused on referring children to the necessary services including other educational programs if required; child protection assistance; health/WASH/shelter



*Photos - Left: teacher recording her online lesson  
Right: a student showing her completed homework to her teachers*



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions in Lebanon, the teaching had to be done online where the teachers and students interacted through the phone and videos.

## Health

With the generous donation from ADRA International, ADRA Lebanon delivered medical supplies worth \$1,016,555 to two hospitals in Lebanon, including LAU Medical Center and Saint George Hospital, which were severely damaged by the August 4 Port Explosion. This donation will support the healthcare frontline workers and the Lebanese people to tackle the challenges they are facing now.



*Above: during the delivery of the medical supplies to the hospitals*

## Emergency Management

### Response to Damaged Shelters from Beirut Port Explosion

After the devastating Beirut explosion on 4 August 2020, ADRA immediately responded to help the most affected. ADRA through the generous support of the ADRA Network was able to raise money to provide the damaged shelters with complimentary cash assistance for minor repairs. ADRA is providing a one-off cash payment to help 38 affected shelters to repair damages or help them repay some of the costs they have incurred to do so. ADRA will provide each shelter with \$600 which is sufficient to help them with their minor repairs.



*Above: damaged shelters from explosion in Mar Mikhael, Beirut – where ADRA Lebanon will provide cash-transfers*

### Multipurpose Cash Assistance



With funding from the ADRA Network and ADRA Austria, ADRA is providing 1,201 families affected by the Beirut Port Blast with a one-off multipurpose cash assistance with a value of \$250. These families will be able to use the money to purchase essential items which they lost during the blast such as a stove, refrigerator, repair their car, pay their rent, or for any of their other immediate needs.

## Partnerships and Participation

ADRA Lebanon has partnered with several development agencies, government ministries and departments, and educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. We view collaboration as a cost-effective and timesaving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact.

ADRA has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Lebanon and often partner with organizations to further our objectives.

## Past Performance

*List your programs for the last three years.*

Donor Amount and Duration	Award	Project Title	Targeted Areas and No. of Beneficiaries	Project Interventions
ADRA Network CISCAE II \$190,000 Nov 2016-August 2017		CISCAE II	Haret Hreik, Beirut 1,200 Beneficiaries	1. Homework support 2. Community Events 3. Psychosocial and recreational activities
UN OCHA \$242,000 Oct 2016-Oct 2017		Helping Hands Home Care	200 direct beneficiaries	1. Home care for the elderly 2. Distribution of mobility aids 3. Support for carers of the elderly
Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs \$90,000 May-August 2017		MEDEVAC	Bekaa, Lebanon 3,000 beneficiaries	Distribution of medical/diagnostic equipment to under-resourced clinics
Japan Fund Platform/ADRA Japan \$375,000 July 2017-February 2018		LEARN II	Dekweneh, Mt Lebanon 1,360 beneficiaries	1. Early childhood education 2. Remedial and homework support 3. Community Outreach
Czech Republic Humanitarian Aid \$150,000 August-Dec 2017		WASIB	Bekaa, Lebanon 2,500 beneficiaries	1. Installation of pit latrines 2. Distribution of water storage tanks
ADRA Network \$260,000		CISCAE III	Mount Lebanon 120 children	1. Homework Support 2. Psychosocial support

1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020			
SlovakAid \$200,000 1 August 2019 to 30 June 2021	WIBSL	Baalbek, Lebanon 29,000 beneficiaries	Construction of Water Reservoir and Water Management Awareness Sessions
ADRA International \$50,000 1 February 2020 to 15 November 2020	LEAD	Mount Lebanon 30 beneficiaries	Provision of Coding and Programming Lessons to Lebanese and Syrian refugee youth
UNICEF \$568,000 16 March 2020 to 31 December 2020	SVGBE	Bekaa, Baalbek and Mount Lebanon 970 children	1. Early childhood education 2. Remedial and homework support 3. Community Outreach
Czech Republic Humanitarian Aid \$220,000 1 April 2020 to 31 October 2020	WASIB IV	Bekaa, Lebanon 4,520 beneficiaries	1. Construction of Water Reservoir 2. Construction of Well
Czech Republic Humanitarian Aid \$220,000 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020	Shelter and Bins	Bekaa, Lebanon 5,225 beneficiaries	1. Rehabilitation Collective Shelters 2. Distribution of Garbage Bins
ADRA Network \$307,551 1 September 2020 to 31 December 2020	Cash for Shelter Repair	Beirut, Lebanon 38 HHs - Approximately 190 beneficiaries	1. Cash for Minor Shelter Repair
Canadian Food Grains Bank \$860,000 1 October 2020 to 30 April 2021	FSL	Beirut Lebanon 5,140 beneficiaries	1. Food E-Cards 2. Cash for repair of food-related businesses

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