On August 4, 2020, catastrophic explosions rocked the Port of Beirut, killing at least 170 people, injuring thousands more, and causing widespread damage in Lebanon’s capital city. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team to lead U.S. humanitarian response efforts and provided immediate aid.

Nearly $19 million in humanitarian assistance provided by the United States to support the people of Lebanon.

USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team

This elite team is on the ground conducting assessments, identifying humanitarian needs, and working with humanitarian partners to deliver immediate aid.

Humanitarian Assistance

USAID partners are providing emergency food assistance for 300,000 people and supporting immediate emergency response activities, including health assistance and distributing hygiene kits to people affected by the explosions.

Emergency Medical Supplies

USAID provided 6 interagency emergency health kits containing medical supplies, basic medicine, and medical equipment. These kits, which in total can help local hospitals support 60,000 people for three months, were transported to Lebanon by the U.S. military.

U.S. Military Support

From August 6 to 9, the U.S. military—through U.S. Central Command—delivered 5 flights of relief commodities, including food, medical supplies, and safe drinking water, to Beirut as part of the U.S. Government’s response efforts.