

A World of Support for Lebanon

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A message from Past District Governor Michel P. Jazzar

I hope this letter finds you, and your loved ones, in the best of health and safe.

Around 18:00 hours Beirut time, on the 4th of August 2020, a devastating blast occurred in Beirut Harbor caused by the explosion of ammonia nitrate causing catastrophic outcomes to an extent that media compared it to nuclear bomb. This blast killed hundreds of people, more than 4,000 people were wounded, and hundreds have disappeared.

Among the many casualties was our fellow Rotarian Antoine Barmaky, President of the Rotary Club of Hammana –Upper Metn, who was killed in the explosion while visiting a relative at Saint Georges Hospital. We present our sincere condolences to Antione's family, to Carole and PAG Joe Kozah and PP Michel Barmaki. We extend our sincere condolences for the Rotarians and families and we hope for speedy recovery for the wounded people.

Major hospitals were severely damaged such as Saint Georges Hospital and Geitawi Hospital. All hospitals in Beirut exceeded their capacities and rerouted some injuries to hospitals all over the country.

This disastrous situation needs an urgent response in matter of food, shelters, medical goods and equipment, and basic sanitary needs.

In addition to the financial and economic crisis that is hitting the country, Lebanon is experiencing high numbers of Covid-19 that are beyond the Lebanese state's response capacity. This blast came to add insupportable damages, creating a catastrophe, and putting the country in disastrous situation.

For this reason, it's time for us Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, partners and friends to act rapidly.

It's time for us to offer immediate support in basic food, medical supplies, pharmaceutical and sanitary products. The call is upon us Rotary clubs, Rotarians, families, partners and friends in Lebanon and outside Lebanon.

For this reason, the following bank accounts are dedicated to receiving your contributions

From inside Lebanon: [bank to bank, cash or bank check deposit]

N.B. Please make sure you identify your club, your district or yourselves in the payment

Beneficiary	: Rotary Association - Lebanon
Bank	: Bank Audi SAL
Branch	: Bab Idriss
City - Country	: Beirut - Lebanon
Swift Code	: AUDBLBBX
Beneficiary Address (required for international transfers):	: Gedco Center, Horsh Tabet, Sin el Fil, Beirut, Lebanon.
IBAN (required for transfers from bank to bank):	: LB71 0056 0000 0000 0084 1200 0018

From outside Lebanon:

N.B. Please make sure you identify your club, your district or yourselves in the payment

Beneficiary	: Rotary Association - Lebanon
Bank	: Bank Audi SAL
Branch	: Bab Idriss
City - Country	: Beirut - Lebanon
Swift Code	: AUDBLBBX
Beneficiary Address (required for international transfers):	: Gedco Center, Horsh Tabet, Sin el Fil, Beirut, Lebanon.
IBAN (required for transfers from bank to bank):	: LB06 0056 0000 0000 0084 1200 0024

In my role of Lebanon Country Fund Chair and Rotary Foundation District 2452 chair, I am sending you this communication so we act together to respond to the needs. I have discussed the needs with the District Governor and I have requested a Disaster Response Grant for 25000USD. The Lebanon Country Funds Committee has will match this amount and Lebanon's 28 clubs approve the usage of the funds. Our priorities are to provide food boxes, sanitation supplies, and medical equipment.

God bless you and your families.

Regards. Michel

Michel P. Jazzar, PDG DRFC Chair 2020-2023 Lebanon Country Funds Chair 2019-2023