



Wounded Beirut Picking up its Remains

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No words can describe the horror of the disaster that struck Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, as a result of the explosion that ravaged it on the eve of Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

An apocalyptic event that has not been witnessed by humanity since the World Wars.

A tragedy that has left 178 martyrs, 30 missing persons under the rubble, 6000 persons injured, in addition to 300 thousand people who lost their homes (MoPH), 8000 buildings damaged, and direct material losses in houses and properties that amount to 15 billion dollars in an area not exceeding 20 square kilometers and two million residents.

1 OUT OF 6 WOUNDED IS A CHILD

Moreover, similarly to the ravages of wars and displacement in the Arab Region, the most severe damages of this explosion hit the children, as the number of children displaced from their homes reached 100,000 (UNICEF). This disaster occurs at a time when the Lebanese economy is bankrupt, the country is witnessing the second surge of COVID-19 cases, and the hospitals' intensive care beds have started to fill.

The **Arab Network for Early Childhood Development (ANECD)** and its hosting organization, **the Arab Resource Collective (ARC)**, are quickly intervening to secure the urgent humanitarian needs of children. This commitment is following its mission to provide expertise and resources for early childhood development in the Arab region, especially in the affected areas, to ensure children's rights to health, education, a family life, an adequate standard of living, and protection from harm and abuse. These are needs that will persist for a long time, due to the difficult circumstances that Lebanon is experiencing.

In this regard, ANECD and ARC affirm their full commitment to the primary goal for which they were founded, which is the best interest of children in the Arab region, and now in Lebanon currently experiencing the catastrophe.

100,000 Children are displaced

In this context and compliance with ANECD/ARC ethical, humanitarian, and human rights fundamental values, we call on all national, regional, and international institutions that are partners and friends to provide all possible forms of assistance to these children and their families to help them overcome this ordeal.

If you wish to support ANECD/ARC relief efforts in Beirut on individual level, please consider donating to

[GoFundMe for ANECD/ARC](#), in addition to sharing this link with friends and colleagues.