BEIRUT PORT EXPLOSIONS
UNDAC RESPONSE

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• 4 August 18:08 EET – Beirut Port Explosion

• 4/5 August - Requests for International Assistance

• 5 August 17:53 - UNDAC M1 Alert; 19:12 UNDAC M2 Standby

• 5 August 21:00 - First USAR team

• 6 August AM – First UNDAC members, HCT meeting, UCC established

• 7 August - HCT coordination structure with sectors and specialized cells

• 8 August - Lebanon Secondary data review published

• 9 August – Lebanon pledging conference

• 12 August - Lebanon Secondary data review published

• 14 August – Flash Appeal launched for USD 565M

• 28 August – UNDAC handover to OCHA and partners

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CERF USD 6M
OCHA / UNDAC Deployments to Beirut response

- 14 OCHA Country Office staff
- 10 UNDAC (including Environmental expert), 2 IHP, 3 MapAction, 2 Telecoms Sans Frontieres, 1 Logistics Cluster Coordination
- Remote support: MapAction, ACAPS, REACH, OCHA
- 11 OCHA Surge staff
- "Co-opted": 1 UNWomen, 1 PSEA/AAP, 1 ACAPS, 1 UNIFIL
CHALLENGES & MEASURES TAKEN

Field presence, liaisons, Assessment & Analysis

Dedicated capacity to manage COVID-19, specific plan

Movement restrictions, online meetings

Compounded crises, complexity, (urban) dynamics and impact

Establish liaisons and work with/support local networks and partners, encourage social interaction

“NO REGRETS” : travel restrictions, testing, quarantine, etc.
KEY LESSONS

- Dedicated capacity to COVID-19/team management
- Identify & establish local resources, links and liaisons in a variety of areas/neighborhoods, sectors and networks
- Ensure quick & joint impact and vulnerability analysis and validation with stakeholders at all levels
- Dedicated capacity to COVID-19/team management
MEASURES FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS

• Preparedness
• Partnership and local networks
• Explore new coordination mechanisms
THANK YOU