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BEIRUT PORT EXPLOSIONS UNDAC RESPONSE

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TIMELINE

- **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, CERF USD 6M**
- **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**



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

- **“No regrets” : travel restrictions, testing, quarantine, etc.**
 - **Dedicated capacity to manage COVID-19, specific plan**
 - **Movement restrictions, online meetings**
 - **Establish liaisons and work with/support local networks and partners, encourage social interaction**
 - **Compounded crises, complexity, (urban) dynamics and impact**
 - **Field presence, liaisons; Assessment & Analysis**



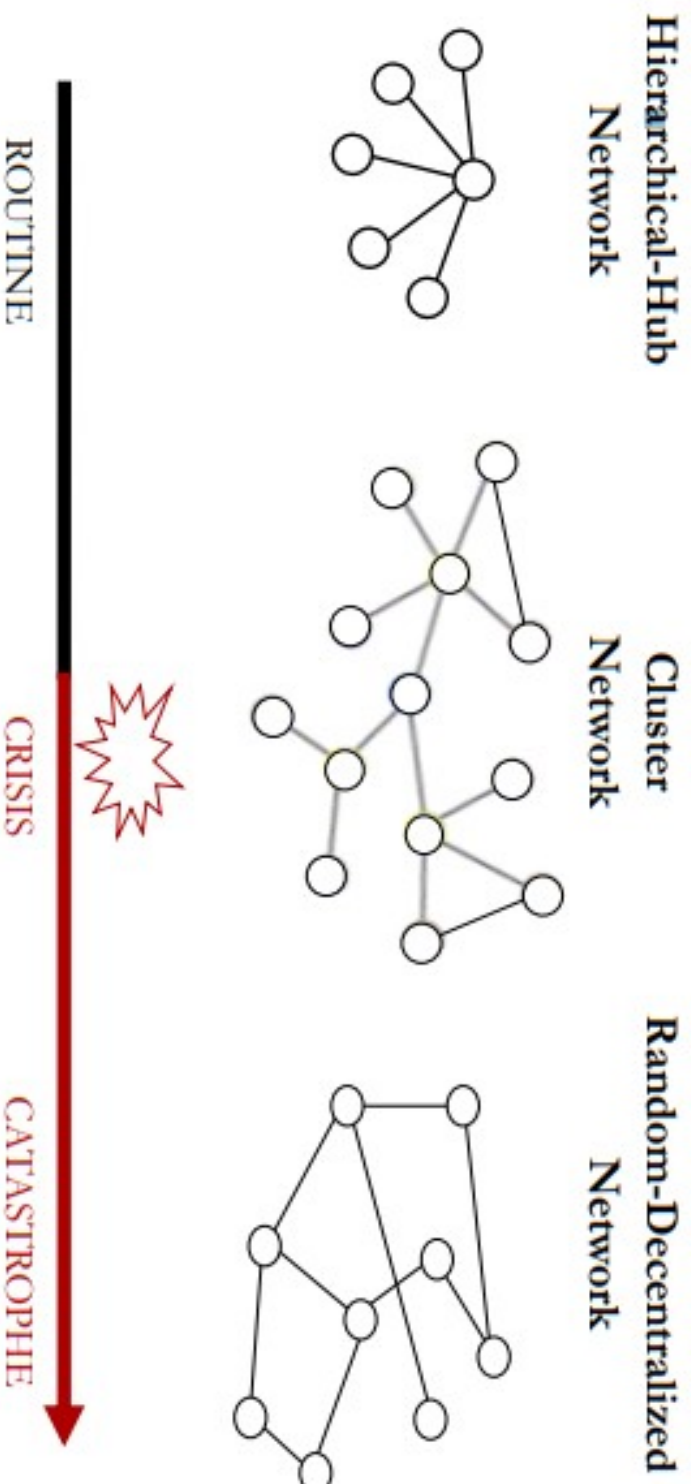
KEY LESSONS

- **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**



MEASURES FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS

- Preparedness!
- Partnership and local networks
- Explore new coordination mechanisms





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