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On August 4, 2020, Lebanon witnessed a devastating explosion in the capital's port leaving a heavy toll of at least 200 dead people, 300,000 homeless and 5,000 injured in addition to overwhelming physical and economic losses. This explosion came at a time when Lebanon is mired with an unprecedented economic crisis that pushed tens of thousands of people into poverty. In addition, Lebanon is witnessing a steady increase in COVID-19 transmissions, further straining the country's health systems, worsening the overall socio-economic situation, and exposing the ill functioning of Lebanon's social welfare system.

Amid this devastating situation, the need arises to build back a better country. This entails, among others, to capitalize on the voluntary and self-help mechanisms that the population at large initiated in the aftermath of the blast. By supporting the works of cleaning the streets, rubble removal, repairing damaged houses and shops and the distribution of needed food and non-food items, the communities abroad played an exceptional role in addressing the immediate needs of affected people.

Being well positioned to benefit from the expertise and goodwill of the American people in order to improve the living conditions of underprivileged individuals and communities in Lebanon, Makassed Foundation of America immediately responded to the unprecedented crises and initiated four major fund-raising campaigns that align with its mission and values.

Our Values

1. Education is essential for economic and social progress
2. Women are vital contributors to such progress
3. Everyone has an equal right to educational opportunities and health care
4. Civic engagement is a basic component of social, economic and cultural strength

MFA's 2020 Campaigns

- The Covid-19 Pandemic Fund Campaign in April
- The Disaster Relief Fund Campaign (that included a GoFundMe campaign through PayPal) in August after the Beirut Port explosion
- The Food Parcels Fund Campaign
- The Education/Scholarship Fund Campaign

Donations Received

Large and small donations that were received from all over the USA totaled in excess of \$150,000. The funds were transferred to Lebanon accomplishing the following:

- Treating 10 Covid-19 cases at Makassed General Hospital
- Distributing 1000 food parcels to needy families all over Lebanon
- Cleaning and repairing damaged houses for 120 families in the areas affected by the blast
- Providing 46 students with full or partial scholarships at Makassed schools

MFA would like to extend its gratitude to all donors, without whom none of these accomplishments would have been possible.

