



**ORDER OF MALTA**  
**GREAT BRITAIN**

From the Hospitaller and the Chair of the Foreign Aid Service

12 August 2020

Dear Confrères and Friends

## **Appeal for Lebanon**

We are writing to ask for your help for the people of Lebanon.

No doubt you have all seen the terrible news of the explosion in Beirut on 4 August 2020. Many people died, thousands were injured and, according to the latest figures, around 300,000 people have been left homeless.



Photo: Malteser International

The blast has laid bare an economic and political crisis with which Lebanon has been struggling for some time: first, a civil war from 1975 to 1990, then a war with Israel followed by a huge influx of refugees from Syria and Iraq from 2013 onwards. The economic crisis has resulted in hyperinflation, unemployment and food shortages.

Marwan Sehnaoui, President of the Lebanese Association of the Order, declares:  
*'The situation we are going through since several months is more than dramatic. With yesterday's explosion, it has become apocalyptic. We will face it with faith, courage, determination and enthusiasm. Our Order's teams are all mobilised and totally motivated to bring, through our works all over the Lebanese territory, hope where there is despair.'*

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Malteser International is already active in the Lebanon and has responded quickly to the call for aid. Soon after the explosion, the Lebanese Association opened Chabrouh (familiar to many of us as the centre where they organise holiday camps for people with special needs) to house homeless families, sent volunteers to support the clearing of the streets and opened their medical centre to treat the lightly wounded.

We have been in touch with the Lebanese Association and have asked them how we can best help them in their relief effort. We are expecting a detailed breakdown of help they require shortly, but do not wish to hold back in launching this appeal.

Please include the desperate situation of the Lebanese people in your prayers and consider making a donation to support the work of the Order in the relief efforts there.

You can donate through CAF Donate to BASMOM (the British Association of the Order of Malta), which will look to match the donations made. BASMOM will then direct the accumulated fund to the Lebanese Association and/or Malteser International, according to need after liaison with them.

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible for Gift Aid please ensure you tick the Gift Aid box and add Instruction as your name and LEB20. You can access CAF Donate via the following link <https://rb.gy/boz9hs> and then input BASMOM as the charity name.

We thank you for any donation you can make.

Yours sincerely,



**James Pavey**  
**Hospitaller**  
**British Association of the Order of Malta**



**Cécile Coke**  
**Chair, Foreign Aid Service**  
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If you wish to send a cheque or pay by bank transfer the relevant details are as follows:-

Please make cheques payable to BASMOM FOREIGN AID SERVICE and send to: BASMOM Foreign Aid Service, Craigmyle House, 13 Deodar Road, London SW15 2NP.

If you wish to pay by bank transfer our bank details are C.Hoare & Co, BASMOM Foreign Aid Service a/c: Sort Code 15-99-00; Account Number 03801990. For international bank transfers please contact [accounts@orderofmalta.org.uk](mailto:accounts@orderofmalta.org.uk). You can also donate via PayPal at <https://tinyurl.com/Appeal4Lebanon>. Please reference your bank transfer or PayPal payment with your name and the reference LEB20.

If you are eligible and you wish BASMOM to claim Gift Aid on your cheque, Bank transfer or Paypal donation please complete the attached form and return to BASMOM Accountant, Craigmyle House, 13 Deodar Road, London SW15 2NP.

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