



**2020**  
**Final Donor Report**  

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**On the Beirut Port  
Explosion Donation  
By Bioelektra Australia**  

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**Presenting what valued  
donors make possible**

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Beirut Port Explosion is a tragedy to our small country that is in ongoing crisis.

Having kindness and being able to put ourselves in their shoes is vital, because we make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.

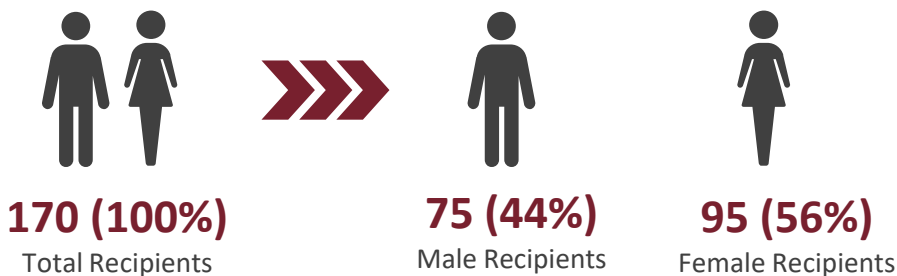
Choosing to actually do something to help is simply marvelous. After August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Bioelektra Australia did just that. By generously giving to Makhzoumi Foundation, you helped save and rebuild lives after the deadly explosion. Giving hope to the injured people and displaced communities in Beirut, your impact can be traced in every street in Karantina, Gemayze, Achrafieh, Mar Mkhayel and more, where families are in need. This report presents the difference donors like you made in 2020 on the lives of people affected by the explosion. From all of us here at Makhzoumi Foundation, THANK YOU for your continued support.

## BEIRUT EXPLOSION RELIEF SERVICES

### More than 30 Days Together

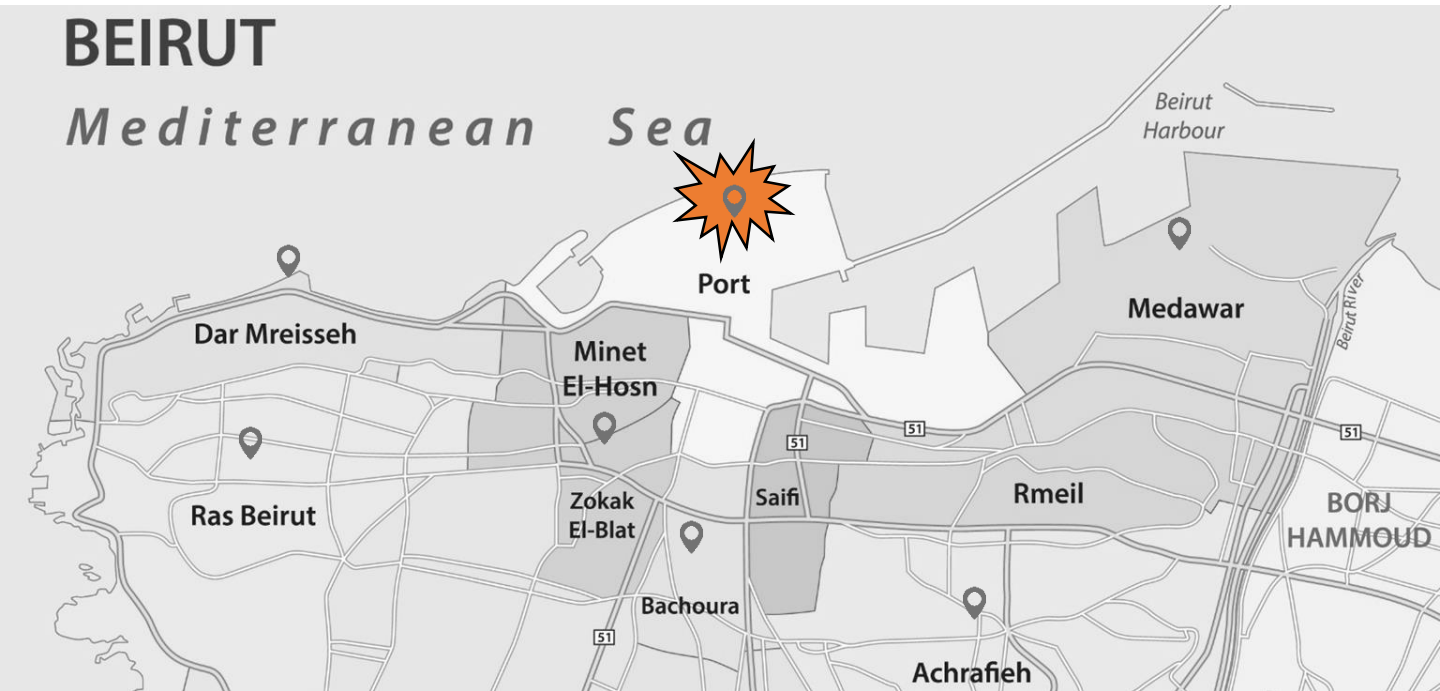
The Bioelektra Australia fund started to be implemented immediately after the Beirut Port Explosion. The donor's main objective is to support affected families in the area of the blast through Makhzoumi Foundation. The total number of households that benefited from the Bioelektra generous donation is 169 through Makhzoumi Foundation and 1 family assisted separately as requested by the donor. The selection of recipients was based on a list of eligibility criteria, that matched with Makhzoumi Foundation's "Multi Sectorial Needs Assessment of compounding crisis on communities affected by Beirut Explosion, that was launched on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after the explosion. (1. Damage; 2. Type of damage; 3. Job status; 4. Business damage; 5. Disability; 6. Elderly members; 7. Pregnant women; 8. Infants; 9. Household members).

Out of the 170 recipients, 56% are women and 44% are men. Therefore the male to female gender distribution is 3/4, which goes along with the women empowerment objective, especially in the case of households where the head is the woman. Later in this report, other criteria provide more details about the recipients. The distribution of the donation was based on the assessment of 1353 households were surveyed by a specialized field team. In addition to the direct damage by the explosion, the assessment of the households included data about the health, the job status and both the immediate and the indirect needs demanded by the surveyed families.

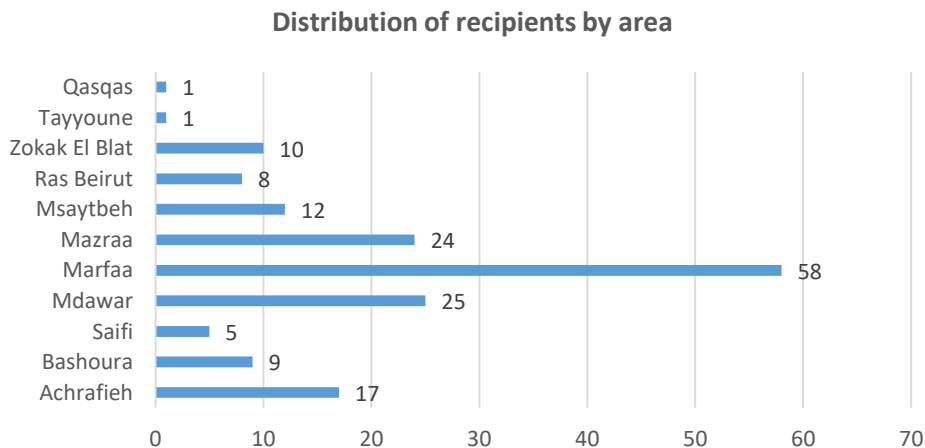


# LOCATIONS

We have added the Beirut map below to show the area of the explosion and its proximity to the households that received the donation. So on the map, you can check the pinned areas where Makhzoumi Foundation teams distributed the Bioelektra donation based on needs assessments.



Areas where the households of recipients are located and the (number of recipients) include: Achrafieh (17), Bashoura (9), Saifi (5), Mdawar (25), Marfaa (58), Mazraa (24), Msaytbeh (12), Ras Beirut (8), Zokak El Blat (10), Tayyoun (1), and Qasqas (1). The areas served are located directly in the explosion site in Beirut Port and extend to a maximum location at 5 kilometers away from it. Every single household in this diameter was affected by the blast waves. The area is noted as ground zero and was in an emergency state for 2 weeks. The graph below, entitled Distribution of recipients by Area, shows that the donations were majorly distributed in the center of the explosion area, i.e. to affected people living in the Marfaa (Port) streets.







## HOW THE DONATION WAS DISTRIBUTED?

Following the Beirut Port Explosion on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Australian leader in advanced waste treatment, Bioelektra, donated cash assistance to affected families through Makhzoumi Foundation.

Makhzoumi Foundation is a local, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that operates in Lebanon, It was established in 1997, with an immense experience in serving the community and with a team of 150 staff and more than 750 volunteers. In every crisis that happened in Lebanon since 1997, Makhzoumi Foundation teams stand in the frontlines to provide relief and humanitarian Aids.

The total sum donated by Bioelektra Australia is 25,000 USD, given to Makhzoumi Foundation teams for the direct support of households affected by the Beirut Port Explosion on August 4<sup>th</sup>,2020.

The net amount distributed was 23,533 USD. Out of this amount, 1,000 USD was provided to one highly vulnerable family, as requested by the donor. This made the total net amount distributed by Makhzoumi Foundation equivalent to 22,533 USD, making a total of 169,000,000 Lebanese Pounds, which corresponds to 169 affected recipients, based on an allocation of 1 million Lebanese Pounds per beneficiary.

Among the beneficiaries were the 10 families of the firefighters, and 9 families of the staff at the silos who lost their lives in the tragic disaster.

## A THANK YOU MESSAGE IN THE MID OF A NEEDY COMMUNITY

It's caring donors like Bioelektra that make all of the assistance possible. In this very harsh year on Lebanon, your generous support allowed us to continue to support and care for people who've lost a lot. Your donation helped to give families a safe place to sleep, access to clean water, health care and so much more.

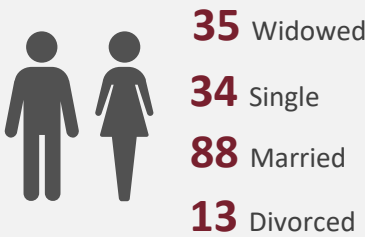
Makhzoumi Foundation teams in Lebanon constantly assess the possibility of humanitarian support and unrest in the country and the potential crises that obligate large numbers of people to flee their countries or homes. This includes the relief and humanitarian services offered to refugees and displaced, and to vulnerable communities in general. As soon as the Bioelektra generous fund was in place, the emergency teams were deployed in the explosion area and its surrounding within 72 hours with money exchanged and the proper documentation prepared.

The heads of the households noted their additional needs. Most of those needs emerged as a consequence of the explosion aftermath. So as per the below bullets, their respectively need:

■ Furniture ■ Basic Electronics ■ Healthcare services ■ Kitchen utensils ■ Job opportunities ■

The age group ranges from 21 to 90 years old, with 47 persons in the age group between 60 and 70. It is very important to note that 50% of individuals who received the donation reported that they do not benefit from any type of health insurance, which highlights a major issue in the need for medical assistance. The information obtained does not clarify the exact medical need. However, more than 76% of the recipients reported suffering from High Blood Pressure and Diabetes.

You can find below more statuses about the families that your donation has supported:



Marital Status



Net Household Income



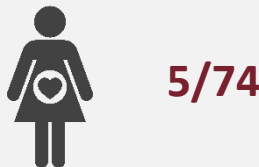
Household Members



Disabilities



Children



Pregnant

## DONOR VISIBILITY

Strengthening the global visibility of Bioelektra Australia support through Makhzoumi Foundation is a core element of the donation mobilization and advocacy efforts. We ensure donor visibility and its pooled fund. Thus far, Makhzoumi Foundation communication teams have strengthened posting of the distribution over the media and the internet to better understand, and cater to the reflectiveness of the whole process. An array of communication assets has been produced, including press publications, short videos, social media content, along with targeted key messages to demonstrate the impact.

## Social Media & Press Engagement

With more than 135,000 followers on Facebook, 4,000 followers on Twitter, and 4,319 followers on Instagram, Makhzoumi Foundation's digital platforms have a global scale. You can click on every picture to check the posts.

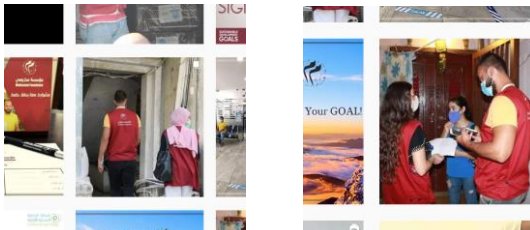
### Facebook Posting



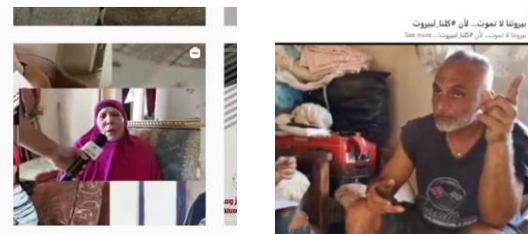
### Facebook Watch



### Instagram Posting



### IGTV Posting



### In the Press







## YOUR DONATION IS IN ACTION

In summary, the generous donation by Bioelektra Australia ran smoothly since its launching and Makhzoumi Foundation teams covered 170 recipients, fulfilling this way the target set at baseline.

Bioelektra also donated 100,000 face masks to Makhzoumi Foundation to be distributed to the needy. In collaboration with local partners and schools in the affected area, this would constitute an important step to promote safety from Covid-19 transmission among students. Distribution will go together with public and semipublic schools awareness on sanitization, hygiene and precautions from COVID-19 transmission.

When you donate to Makhzoumi Foundation, you help bring care, comfort and hope to some of Lebanon's most vulnerable people. In 2020, committed donors like you went above and beyond, helping in the response to the explosion crisis across Beirut. By extending a helping hand, you have helped save lives and build a better future for 170 affected persons through Makhzoumi Foundation that is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions. In this vulnerable world facing record impoverishment and emergencies, your support matters now more than ever ♥.

**Additional Links:** <https://makhzoumi-foundation.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/makhzoumi.foundation/>  
<https://twitter.com/makhzoumi>  
[https://www.instagram.com/makhzoumi\\_foundation/](https://www.instagram.com/makhzoumi_foundation/)  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/makhzoumifoundation>  
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