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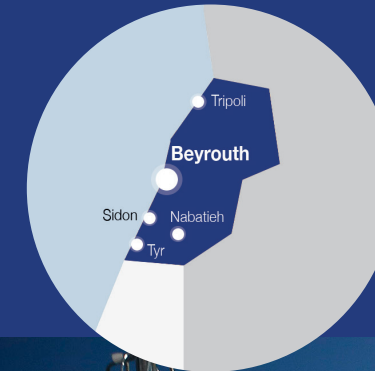


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AFD AND Public Health in Lebanon



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€134 M
 committed since 2018

Over 1 million
 people have benefited from
 health services since 2018

57
 healthcare facilities supported
 since 2018

Since 2019, AFD has supported Lebanon's health sector amid successive crises, further aggravated by the recent armed conflict, in partnership with local and international stakeholders. The objective is to strengthen access to care for vulnerable people and to improve the quality of health services throughout the country.

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OUR ACTION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR IN Lebanon

1 Support to Public Hospitals

€68.3 M

Five public hospitals in Lebanon benefit from AFD support to strengthen access to care: the Rafic Hariri University Hospital in Beirut, the country's main public hospital; the Quarantina Governmental Hospital, specializing in maternal and child health; the Tripoli Governmental Hospital, a reference for the North region; and the Tebnine and Marjayoun Governmental Hospitals in the South. These initiatives, carried out in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Pierre Fabre Foundation, and Assameh Birth and Beyond, aim to improve the quality and continuity of hospital services through infrastructure rehabilitation, staff capacity building, health system preparedness, and the financial coverage of vulnerable patients.

2 Support to Primary Healthcare

€43.9 M

Since 2020, AFD has supported 22 primary healthcare centers to enhance access to care for vulnerable populations while facilitating the roll-out of standard healthcare services nationwide. This includes subsidizing consultation, laboratory, and imaging costs, procuring medical equipment and drugs, and supporting improved management practices within the centers. Particular attention is given to women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities. These activities are implemented in partnership with Première Urgence Internationale, Médecins du Monde, and Amel. In parallel, AFD finances the development of quality healthcare services in 11 primary healthcare centers run by the Lebanese Association of the Knights of Malta, in partnership with the Pierre Fabre Foundation.

In parallel with these interventions, AFD has supported various civil society initiatives since 2018 to promote prevention, screening, and care for vulnerable children with disabilities, and to combat menstrual poverty.

3 Support to Mental Health and Psychosocial Well-being

€13.7 M

In response to the rise in stress, depression, addiction, and suicide – consequences of successive traumatic events – mental health and psychosocial support services are being deployed. These actions, implemented by Médecins du Monde in partnership with several Lebanese NGOs, include patient care in the regions of Baalbek, Beirut, and Tripoli, as well as community awareness initiatives. AFD also supports the establishment of a university diploma in mental health, in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Saint Joseph University (USJ), along with the strengthening of the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP).

4 Strengthening the Lebanese Public Health System

€7.28 M

To improve the quality of Lebanon's healthcare system, AFD mobilizes three French health agencies: the Haute Autorité de Santé (HAS), the French Blood Establishment (EFS), and the National Agency for the Safety of Medicines (ANSM). These agencies contribute to modernizing the blood transfusion system, strengthening the safety of medicines and medical devices, and supporting public hospitals in meeting international standards. In parallel, AFD finances the establishment of a health data collection center within the Ministry of Public Health and supports, through the European Institute for Cooperation and Development (IECD), the vocational training of healthcare personnel in 14 public hospitals, with a particular focus on women's employability.

OUR KEY FIGURES IN THE HEALTH SECTOR IN Lebanon

Our interventions cover the entire Lebanese territory and aim to address the challenges posed by successive crises in Lebanon, including the socio-economic crisis, COVID-19 pandemic, Beirut Port explosion, cholera outbreak, and the recent conflict with Israel.

25
implementing partners

Since 2018, AFD has worked with civil society partners and international organizations to support Lebanese institutions in implementing the Ministry of Public Health's national strategy.

€25.5 M
délégues par le KSRC

Since 2022, AFD has mobilized funds from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center under the Franco-Saudi humanitarian assistance mechanism for Lebanon, to co-finance three projects in the health sector.

Geographical distribution of hospitals and primary health care centers supported since 2018

