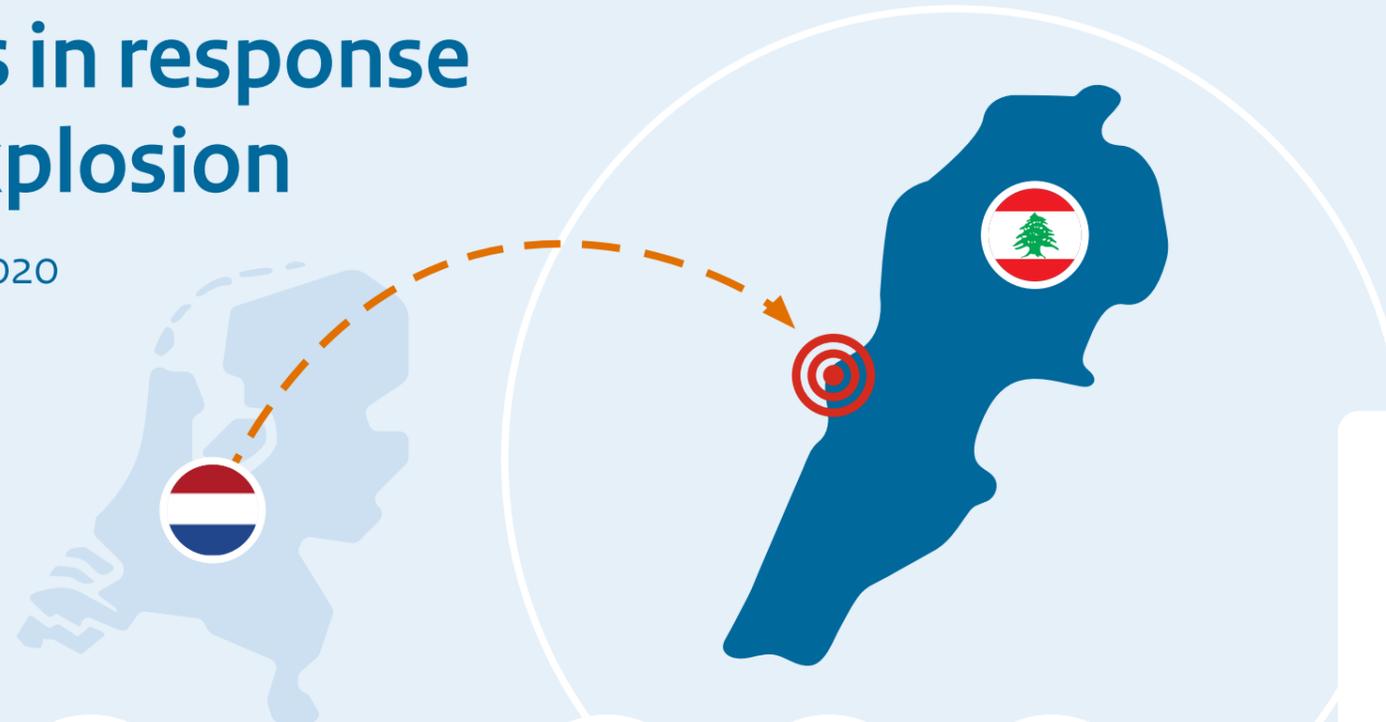




# Dutch activities in response to the Beirut explosion

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## Other forms of support

- **NL was the first country to pledge support** (EUR 1 mln.) following the appeal by the Lebanese Red Cross (USD 19,1 mln).
- **A contribution of EUR 3 mln. has been made via the Dutch Relief Alliance.**
- **UNICEF:** A MHPSS expert and a water expert, proposed by NL for the UNICEF Surge Pool, have been selected to be employed by UNICEF in Lebanon, but they will be financed by NL.
- **EU:** The EU has activated the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM). Following a request for experts, 1 Dutch medical expert has been selected.
- **Giro 555** (national appeal fund) was opened by the government. **Dutch citizens have donated over 13 mln, EUR**, which will be donated to various aid organizations.
- **The Prince Claus Fund** is drawing from its Emergency Fund to contribute to reconstruction of the city, including the Sursok Museum.



## USAR team

- An **Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team** was sent to Beirut for the duration of 1 week to assist in the search for survivors and rescue operations following a request from Lebanon for international assistance.
- The Dutch USAR team was composed of **64 rescue workers and 8 sniffer dogs**.
- Upon their departure, the USAR team donated goods and material. **Medical goods and nutritional packages were donated to the Lebanese Red Cross.** ICMPD/DCAF will assess the needs of Civil Defence, Lebanese Red Cross and LAF CIMIC to distribute the search and rescue material accordingly.



## Port of Beirut

- NL is looking into ways of **contributing to the reconstruction of the port of Beirut**. A Dutch delegation has travelled to Beirut to assess the possibilities.
- A team of experts of the Port of Rotterdam has **contributed to the World Bank's rapid damage assessment of the port**.
- The focus of the assessment is twofold and looks into ways to respond to: **1) the short-term needs related to the import of vital goods; 2) structural reconstruction of the port**, with a focus on economic recovery of Lebanon. Concrete NL support will be based on the results of this assessment.