Environmental response to the Beirut explosion

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Situation

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Beirut explosion
Humanitarian impact

- 180+ reported deaths
- 6,500 + people injured
- About 300,000 displaced

Impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon

COVID-19 pandemic

Deep economic crisis
I'm 63 years old. I've never seen a year like this.

Maurice, resident of Beirut, injured in the blast
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International coordination structure
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Way forward

- Environment-related follow-up covered under:
  - Flash Appeal
    - Pollution and public health implications
    - 0-3 months; 565 M USD, of which 85.7 M USD for health sector
  - Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment
    - Rehabilitation of damaged waste management infrastructure
    - 0-12 months; 2.8 B USD, of which 77.5 M USD for environment
  - EU allocations
    - 15 M EUR - secured
    - Disaster waste management plan

- Lessons learnt for ports globally
Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford
Thank you

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