SO1: 12,000 tons of flour were donated by WFP to Lebanon after the Beirut port blast. Hence, the weight of the bread bag will increase from 900g to 1kg for a period of 62 days. The price of the bag will remain unchanged.

Delivery of hot meals and in-kind food rations to vulnerable people affected by the explosion continues with higher achievement reported as new partners joined the sector. Since the blast, more than 92,000 ready-to-eat / hot meals have been distributed while community kitchens continue to be operational in 12 areas (cadastres) providing daily meals. Over 44,000 food parcels and vouchers have been distributed in addition to selected food items: bread, flour, potato bags, canned food and water distributed in specific regions. FSS partners will continue to provide food assistance to the most impacted and vulnerable households.

Cash-based assistance programs in the Beirut area have already been scaled up, with already 2,295 households receiving multi-purpose cash assistance. This figure is planned to triple within the coming weeks and with some partners expected to continue disbursement for up to 6 months. Households can self-register for potential assistance from WFP if specific vulnerability criteria are met, on: https://reg.scope.wfp.org/lb/

Nutrition partners provided counselling to 5,250 pregnant and lactating women in need of prenatal, breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices through lactation specialists, phone calls and extended tents. IYCF Hotline (70-231739) is set and coordinated by IOCC. An advocacy brief on IYCF and nutrition in response to the Beirut Blast has been published https://fscluster.org/lebanon/document/call-action-ycf-and-nutrition-response

SO2: 408 MSMEs were supported to date with rehabilitation and equipment. To ensure needs are being met, coordination by partners working on support to MSMEs is being enhanced.

While Flash appeal contributions remain at 17.4%, it is to note that many partners funded their interventions through internal funding or donations.