Cash-based assistance programs in the Beirut area have continued expansion and scale up, with over 52,000 receiving multi-purpose cash assistance. In October households could 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 3,955 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-iycf-and-nutrition-response

SO2: 127 MSMEs were assisted with financial support (cash grants) and/or physical rehabilitation and equipment. To ensure needs are being met, coordination by partners working on support to MSMEs is being enhanced by a dedicated group that meets every 2 weeks.

While Flash appeal contributions remain at 30%, it is to note that many partners funded their interventions through internal funding or donations.

SO1: 12,000 tons of wheat 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, albeit with a reduction in beneficiaries. Since the blast, more than 27,943 ready-to-eat / hot meals have been distributed while community kitchens continue to be operational in several areas providing daily meals. Over 30,000 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.