

Latest News: Integral launches a joint Disaster Response for the Lebanon Crisis



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Integral has launched a joint Disaster Response for the impact of Israel's recent attacks on Lebanon. Fifteen Integral Members¹ are responding together to this crisis, combining their strengths to serve affected communities better.

More than 700,000 people have registered as internally displaced following intensive airstrikes launched by Israel across Beirut's southern suburbs, South Lebanon and the Bekaa valley. As of 9 March, at least 294 people have been killed. [Source [here](#)]. Lebanon is already host to approximately 1.3 million Syrian refugees alongside several thousand refugees of other nationalities [Source [here](#)].

Integral Members and their Partners have been working with displaced people in the affected areas for more than 13 years. Since the recent escalation of the conflict Integral Members are responding to new needs with a range of support, including distributions of essential household items, food, cash and medical supplies. Integral Members are also providing shelter, access to clean water and sanitation, and mental health and psychosocial support. Integral Members are sharing communications material which enable fundraising campaigns to be launched in Members headquarter countries.

Integral Member MERATH is based in Lebanon. Lucas Shindeldecker, MERATH'S Director says: "Airstrikes and evacuation warnings have forced hundreds of thousands of people across Lebanon into displacement in a matter of days. Through our local partner churches across the country, we are already supporting displaced families with essential supplies thanks to pre-positioned aid made possible by Integral Members and other Partners. We are grateful for this continued support which allows us to respond quickly and stand with families in their time of greatest need."

Kirollos Fares, Medair Country Director in Lebanon, says: "Medair is scaling up across Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Bekaa Valley, and the South—assessing shelters and having so far distributed over 79,000 essential relief items, like mattresses and blankets, to 25,595 displaced people. Mobile health units, trained volunteers and midwives deliver Psychological First Aid while reducing distress and enabling specialist referrals."

Kirollos continues "Facing the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon, our membership in Integral Alliance strengthens our on-the-ground intervention as a Christian NGO. We pool expertise, resources, and networks with over twenty organisations sharing our values. These synergies go beyond material aid to embody a lasting Christian commitment to the most vulnerable. Together, we carry a message of unity and hope."

In the initial stages of an Integral response, operational and communications coordination calls are held as frequently as necessary, so that Members can share information in the critical phase when needs are acute. The Integral online platform enables Members to share photos and stories, response plans and funding needs.

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¹ CEDAR Fund (Hong Kong), Ena (Switzerland), Integra (Slovakia), International Health Partners (UK), LM International (Sweden), Medair (Switzerland), MERATH (Lebanon), SEL (France), Tearfund Australia, Tearfund Belgium, Tearfund (UK), Transform Aid (Australia), World Relief (US), World Renew (North America), ZOA (The Netherlands)

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Extra information:

Integral's Vision

Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

Integral's Mission

Integral exists to see God's Kingdom demonstrated by uniting our Members.

We champion, encourage and facilitate collaborative working across the Alliance, particularly in disasters.

On Integral Collaboration:

Integral is a global alliance of 22 Christian relief and development agencies that come together to respond in times of disaster. Our Members are headquartered in 14 countries, work in over 73 countries and work together with a network of more than 470 local Partners.

When disaster strikes Integral Members follow an agreed Joint Disaster Response process, strategically combining their programming, financial and communications resources. This ensures a rapid and high-quality response both directly and through local Partners. We also focus on neglected crises that lack donor and media attention.

By combining Member strengths, we extend our reach and deepen our impact in disasters. In uniting our collective capacity, funding and expertise, we believe we serve people better by working together.

Integral promotes locally led action in disaster responses, recognising local organisations as equal partners. Integral has pledged to maintain the high quality of our work by endorsing and committing to the [Core Humanitarian Standard](#).

Our Christian values unite us in prayer, Christian reflection and collaborative action. Strong relationships and prayer are foundational in all we do. Members encourage, learn from and inspire one another.

Integral was founded in 2004 when leaders of Christian INGOs imagined how, through greater collaboration, they could have wider reach and impact for people experiencing disasters. In a world that is often cynical, fragmented and hostile, we are Christians who believe that disaster and suffering are not the end of the story.

See more about Integral's 22 Members [here](#)

