

**Report on the donation of
FNV and FNV Mondiaal's employees and FNV shop stewards
to BWI's partners and affected workers and their families in Lebanon**

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2020, the year of the unprecedented economic crisis in Lebanon, which was exacerbated by the political crisis in addition to the impact of the Corona epidemic, was followed by the explosion of the Port of Beirut in August 2020.

In the year 2021, the inflation rate reached 56 %, unemployment reached 45 %, and prices increased enormously, with shortage of gasoline, electricity and tap water.

The BWI faced the challenge launching a solidarity campaign called: Build hope in Beirut, in which individual persons and affiliates and partner organization of BWI participated, including FNV and FNV Mondiaal, ITUC, NCS and SGH, Croatia, SSGNE IG Bau, Germany, CL FTWU Podkrepa, Bulgaria, SSSPD, Bosnia i Hercegovina, Yol-IS, Turkey and SSPS Serbia.

In consultation between the BWI and the affiliated unions in Lebanon, it was agreed to distribute food aid to workers who have been dismissed from work, in addition to workers who work under subcontractors (both national and migrant workers).

The BWI MENA Coordinator, based in Beirut worked on the process of purchasing and distributing food parcels according to the following plan:

- Obtaining price quotations from two food establishments.
The food package included: 4 pasta packages, 2 kilos of sugar, 1 kilo of salt, 2 liters of oil, 4 cans of tuna, 2 cans of sardines, 2 cans of cheese, 1 kilo of milk, 1 package of tea 350 grams, 2 cans of beef anchovies, 1 kilo of burghul, 1 kilo of milk. 1 kilo of rice, 1 kilo of dry beans, 2 cans of peas, 2 cans of chickpeas, 2 cans of broad beans, 350 g of tomato paste, 500 g of tahini. Feminine sanitary pads were added to some portions later.
- Meeting with the president of the BWI affiliated unions in Lebanon, the GFBCTU and the president of FENASOL union in Beirut to develop an action plan for distributing food parcels in August 2021.
- Determining a list of workers who are in dire need of food in consultation with the GFBCTU and FENASOL.
- Coordination with the Lebanese youth scouts to help in the packaging process of food parcels.

After the work plan was developed, 350 food parcels were distributed as follows:

- 183 food parcels were distributed in Tripoli (100 Lebanese workers, 70 Syrian workers, and 13 food parcels were distributed to families who do not have a head of family).
- 100 parcels were distributed in Beirut by the Trade Union of FENASOL and were distributed as follows: 56 food parcels were distributed to Lebanese workers; 44 food parcels were distributed to Syrian workers.
- 67 food parcels were distributed to the families of unemployed Lebanese workers in the Bekaa Valley.

In addition to the distribution to food parcels, 41 workers and their families were reached and supported medically by providing psychological consultation with free medications.

A short documentary will follow showing the packaging and distribution of food parcels. Photos of the food packages and the distribution implemented by the BWI affiliates in close cooperation with the BWI.







BUILD HOPE IN BEIRUT

Home is where hope is.

BWI members are mobilizing to help rebuild homes in Beirut.

Donate and help in:



Buying construction and building materials, such as glass, cement, wood, aluminum and paint in the repair and/or rebuilding of houses.



Securing face masks, gloves, safety helmets and other personal protective equipment for workers and the public.



Holding urgent basic vocational training, including occupational health and safety trainings for the migrant and refugee workers.



Providing "solidarity wages" to volunteer migrant and refugee workers.

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