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Your
IMPACT

GIVING FAMILIES THE GIFT OF HOPE

Thank you for giving families the gift of hope.



NIGER

A life-changing gift

"I'm glad my mother received these goats. I'm going to help her take care of them and I'll be able to drink as much milk as I want from now on."
- 11-year-old Ousseina

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on economies and communities. But your livestock gifts are helping struggling families put food on the table. When a family receives chickens or goats or sheep, they can feed their hungry children, while also earning an income selling the extra eggs, milk or wool at local markets, so they can afford to send their daughters to school.



INDONESIA

You're helping to keep sponsored children safe and healthy

Before the pandemic, 13-year-old sponsored child Metri had to wash up in a nearby river. Now, she has access to safe and clean water, through the new water system that was installed in her village. In addition to installing water systems in sponsorship communities in Indonesia, we are also distributing hygiene kits with essentials like soap and hand sanitizer, and educational leaflets about COVID-19 prevention. Sponsored children received a snakes and ladders board game to teach them about good hygiene practices in a fun and engaging way.



SIERRA LEONE

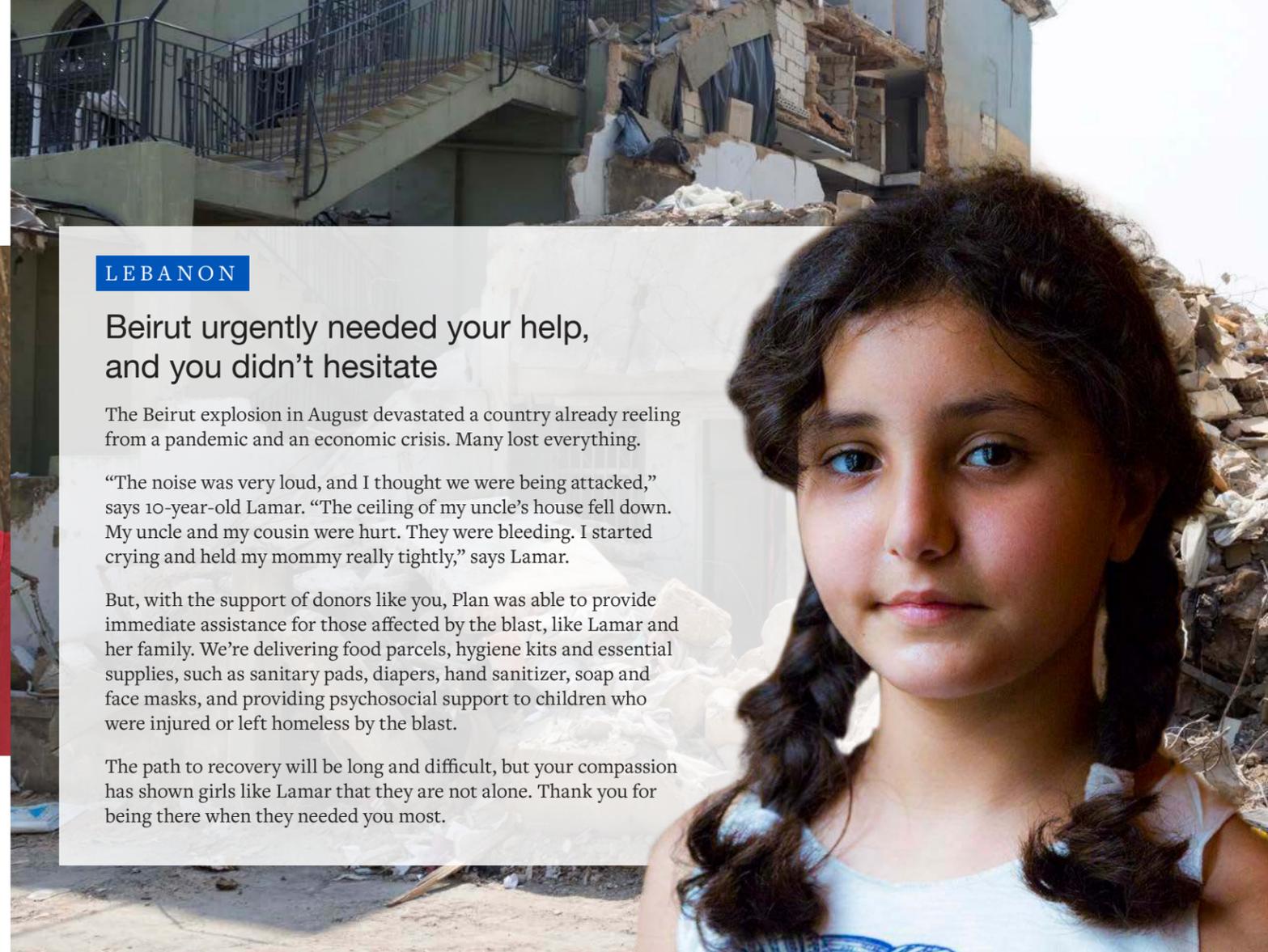
"I will not miss out again."

Like many girls around the world, 15-year-old Jeneba hasn't been to school since March, when the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in Sierra Leone.

The government quickly re-established a distance learning program that was developed in 2014, during the Ebola epidemic, broadcasting lessons twice a day by radio. Unfortunately, Jeneba, like many others in her area, did not own a radio and couldn't afford to buy one.

But, thanks to the support of donors like you, Jeneba was one of 25,000 girls to receive a solar radio set from Plan International. "When I finally got the radio, I held onto it and whispered to myself that I will not miss out again," Jeneba said. "We're so happy with the teaching. It feels like the teacher is right in front of us. My radio is now my best friend, it always keeps me occupied."

Thank you for helping to ensure that girls like Jeneba won't be left behind.



LEBANON

Beirut urgently needed your help, and you didn't hesitate

The Beirut explosion in August devastated a country already reeling from a pandemic and an economic crisis. Many lost everything.

"The noise was very loud, and I thought we were being attacked," says 10-year-old Lamar. "The ceiling of my uncle's house fell down. My uncle and my cousin were hurt. They were bleeding. I started crying and held my mommy really tightly," says Lamar.

But, with the support of donors like you, Plan was able to provide immediate assistance for those affected by the blast, like Lamar and her family. We're delivering food parcels, hygiene kits and essential supplies, such as sanitary pads, diapers, hand sanitizer, soap and face masks, and providing psychosocial support to children who were injured or left homeless by the blast.

The path to recovery will be long and difficult, but your compassion has shown girls like Lamar that they are not alone. Thank you for being there when they needed you most.



PHILIPPINES

A gift that keeps giving

National lockdowns and loss of livelihoods due to COVID-19 has exacerbated existing barriers to basic hygiene and sanitation, especially for girls and women. Western Union Foundation was already working with Plan to address youth and economic empowerment in the Philippines when COVID-19 hit. Recognizing the increased risks that the pandemic presents, they donated an additional \$45,000 to support an emergency response that includes distributing menstrual hygiene management kits and raising awareness about sanitation.

"Most of the limited family budget goes straight to fulfilling the need to satisfy

hunger," said 19-year-old Ghene in the Philippines. "But female hygiene is also important to sustain their health and avoid any possible complications brought by poor sanitation practices."

Western Union Foundation's donation, combined with support of donors like you through Gifts of Hope, is helping us to meet the most basic needs of girls like Ghene during this difficult time. When you give a girl a hygiene kit, you're not just giving her the gift of hope — you're giving her the gift of survival. And that makes all the difference.



FIJI

Protecting families in Fiji

Plan International USA recently received a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, for an emergency water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) program for COVID-19 prevention in Fiji.

“The impacts of COVID-19 can be felt in nearly every country and Fiji is no exception,” said Dr. Tessie San Martin, President and CEO of Plan USA. “This grant will support the immediate hygiene and handwashing needs of girls, women and people with disabilities, as well as their families, in rural communities.”

Together with the support of our generous donors, grants like this will help us to reach thousands of families with our global COVID-19 emergency response.



Your Gifts of Hope

MOST POPULAR GIFTS



Total number of Gifts of Hope given: **8,958**
Total raised through Gifts of Hope: **\$817,357.00**
(July 2019 through June 2020)



Top COVID-19 response gift by total amount donated: Clean Water for a Village
Total amount donated: **\$43,138.00**



Top gift by total amount donated:
Give to Plan (where needed most)
Total amount donated: **\$132,845.36**



Most popular COVID-19 response gift:
250 Water Purification Tablets
(Highest number of gifts given)
Number of gifts given: **259**
Total amount donated: **\$5,198.00**



Most popular gift: Chickens & Ducks
(Highest number of gifts given)
3,094 hens, 1,547 roosters
1,547 male ducks, 3,094 female ducks
Total amount donated: **\$27,858.00**



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