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On 8 April, Israeli Defence forces launched a large-scale military operation across Lebanon, resulting in at least 200 people killed and more than 1,000 injured. The airstrikes hit areas in Beirut, southern suburbs of Beirut, the Bekaa Valley, Mount Lebanon, Sidon and several villages in southern Lebanon.

Handicap International is deeply alarmed and appalled by these attacks. The use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in densely populated urban areas without effective warning has caused widespread death, destruction, and large-scale displacement. Such conduct is incompatible with international humanitarian law, particularly with regard to the principles of distinction, proportionality, and precautions in attack. Civilians must never be the target of hostilities. All parties to conflict must take immediate steps to protect civilians, including persons with disabilities, who are disproportionately affected and often face heightened barriers to safety and assistance. This pattern of harm is unacceptable and must stop.