

EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

SITUATION REPORT No. 25

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 26 APRIL, 2021

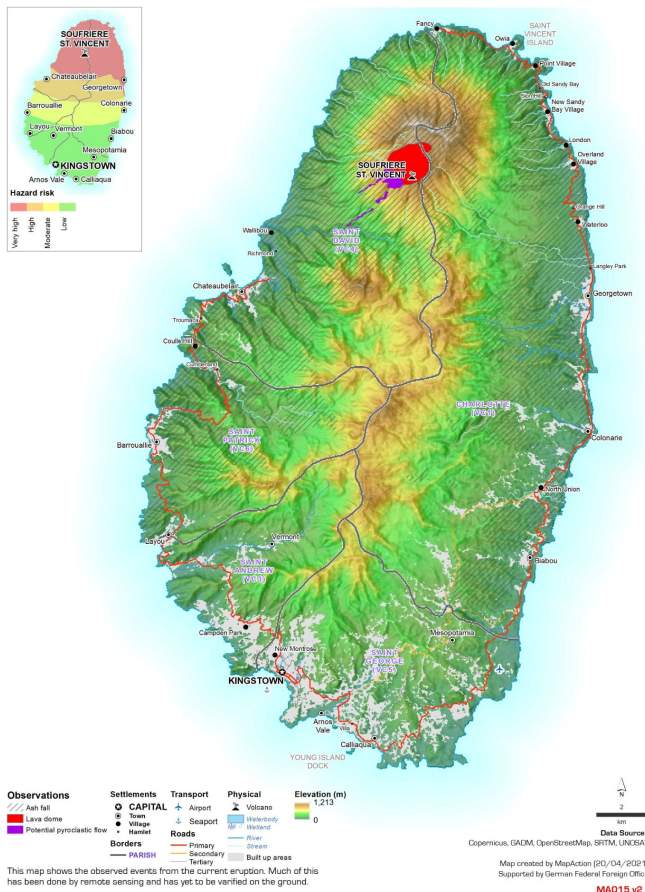
Seismic activity continues at the La Soufrière, St. Vincent

The 6:00PM Scientific Advisory from the UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) issued on 26th April 2021, reported the following:

- Seismic activity at La Soufrière, St Vincent has been low after the tremor associated with the explosion and ash venting around noon on 22 April.
- Only a few long-period, hybrid and volcano-tectonic earthquakes were recorded and there was no further tremor.
- An observation flight took place today in a fixed-wing aircraft at about 11:30 am. Visibility was poor, with clouds blocking the crater for much of the time.
- White steam could be seen venting near-continuously from several locations on the crater floor. No dome was visible, although a spine could be seen through the clouds.
- The volcano continues to erupt. Its pattern of seismic activity over the last few days is typical of the growth and destruction of lava domes. Explosions with accompanying ashfall, of similar or larger magnitude, can restart with little or no warning.
- The volcano is at alert level Red.



St Vincent and the Grenadines: La Soufrière volcano
Overview of volcanic activity (as at 19 Apr 2021)





ALERT LEVEL REMAINS RED

Evacuation Orders have been issued. Access to the volcano is strictly prohibited.

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

CDEMA has been in regular contact with NEMO St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the following was reported from NEMO Situation Report 18 as of April 25, 2021. Note that these numbers are subject to change as more data and information are collected.

 NEMO, St. Vincent & the Grenadines		
NEMO EMERGENCY: (784) 458-6366	nemosvg@gov.vc	NEMO HOTLINE: (784) 526-3000
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 public shelters with 4,430 occupants • 6,790 persons are registered in private shelters • 1,618 families in private homes • 577 volunteers in shelters • The National Emergency Operations Center continues to be fully functional operating on a twenty-four hour, around the clock basis. • NEMO will continue to provide regular updates on activities at the Volcano as they occur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,333 persons in private homes are registered to feed at shelters • 156 persons sheltered in hotels • total of 13, 303 persons displaced 		



Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- COST team continues to provide direct support to the NEMO operations, particularly NEOC and Logistics management.
- The logistics hub, set up by the CDRU and WFP, will be operational once outfitted with furniture electricity and internet connection.
- The public is being advised to coordinate relief supplies with their National Disaster Office in country, cash donations are recommended and banking details are provided on page 4.
- For further information please contact the Regional Coordination Center via rcuser@cdema.org



The CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) in a briefing at the Mobile Storage Unit at the Arnos Vale Logistics Hub



RELIEF SUPPORT

- PAHO sent a shipment including surgical masks, face shield, jerry cans, and emergency worker backpacks via a WFP vessel.
- Global Affairs Canada has contributed \$90,000 to IFRC appeals; \$250,000 to WFP operations in food security, logistics, and emergency telecommunications; and \$100,000 through Canada Fund for local initiatives implemented through the Rapid Response Team and World Pediatric Project.
- The BVI government, ADRA, Lion's Club, New Testament Church, Rotary Club and private citizens donated food and water relief including 60 pallets of bottled water which arrived on April 26th. Other BVI private entities have also sent supplies including a 40ft container of bottled water.



WASH

- Water has been removed from the SVG Needs List
- PAHO and UNICEF are collaborating on ongoing shelter assessments
- 90% of shelters getting water frequently and chlorine levels have stabilized
- Water supply in red & green zones up and running



HEALTH

- PAHO reported that air quality monitoring is ongoing
- A health coordination team arrived over the weekend to service impacted residents
- Data collection and Vectra control to start for the different sites and shelters
- Water treatment tablets, 100,000 medical masks, PCR tests were received by the Ministry of Health from Guyana



PROTECTION

- 307 hygiene kits in total distributed by UNFPA Kits – 169 on the island's windward side; and 138 by UN Women on its leeward side

List of preparatory actions being undertaken by RRM and other Partners



DONATIONS (*monetary donations rather than relief supplies are encouraged at this time*)

The Office of the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has provided banking information for donations to be made for disaster relief.

For further credit to:

Bank of America
SWIFT Code: BOFAUS3M

Name: Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Accountant General - Disaster Relief Fund

Bank of New York
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N

Bank: Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Address: Bedford Street, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Account No.: 137741

Swift Code: NCBVVC22

Donations may also be given through CDEMA La Soufriere Donation Facility via the banking details below:

Company Name and Address

CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CDEMA)
Address: Resilience Way, Lower Estate,
St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies

For persons outside of Barbados:

Intermediary Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC
ABA Routing #: 026 005 092
Account Number: 2000192003913
Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

For persons in Barbados:

Beneficiary Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Swift Code: FCIBBBBB
Name of Beneficiary: CDEMA La Soufriere Relief
Account Number: 1001206239
Currency of Account: BARBADOS DOLLARS

Beneficiary Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Swift Code: FCIBBBBB
Name of Beneficiary: CDEMA La Soufriere Relief
Account Number: 1001206240
Currency of Account: UNITED STATES DOLLARS