

# EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

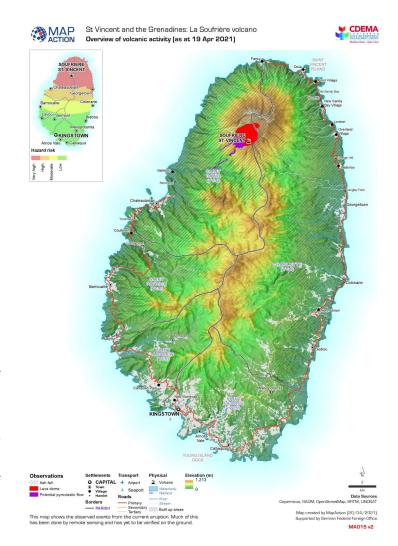
## **SITUATION REPORT No. 19**

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 20 APRIL, 2021

## Seismic activity continues at the La Soufriere, St. Vincent

The 6:00AM Scientific Advisory from the UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) issued on 20th April, 2021, reported the following:

- Seismic activity has continued the pattern established after the explosive activity on 18 April.
- Small long-period and hybrid earthquakes continued to be recorded. Two rockfalls were also recorded.
- No volcano-tectonic earthquakes or tremor have been recorded in the last 12 hours.
- The seismic station at Bamboo Range recorded the signal from a lahar (mudflow) at 4 am, which lasted for about 30 minutes and may have flown along a valley on the south- eastern side of the volcano.
- 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 occur with little or no warning and persons are advised to stay out of the red zone.
- The volcano remains at alert level RED.



#### **ALERT LEVEL REMAINS RED**

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

## **Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State**



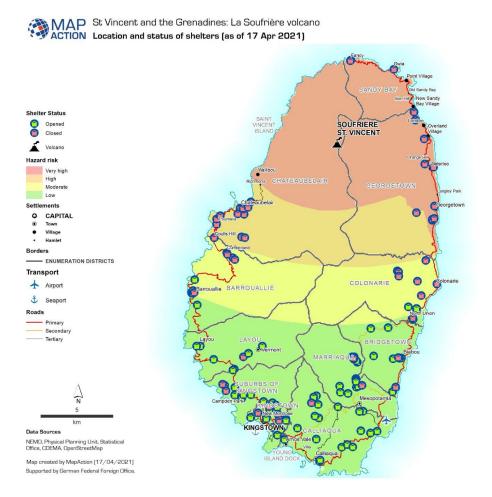
#### NEMO, St. Vincent & the Grenadines



The NEMO's LA SOUFRIÈRE BULLETIN #72 APRIL 20, 2021 11:00 AM reported the following:



- Eighty-eight (88) shelters with 6,208 occupants are now activated.
- Some six thousand five hundred and sixty seven persons (6,567) are being housed in private shelters have been accounted for so far.
- A total of 13,303 persons have been displaced for so far.
- 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.







LA SOUFRIÈRE EVACUATION SHELTERS ACTIVATED

Please note that this list of active shelters are not exhausted. ontact the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) for further details

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#### **Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)**

- The CDEMA Logistics System (CLS) previously called "CALM" is in its preliminary stage of roll out in SVG by World Food Program (WFP). It is being used to better guide the allocation of space and track items on their upcoming RoRo vessel sailings.
- A Technical Mission to St. Vincent and the Grenadines is scheduled for April 21-23, 2021. The mission will include
  Ms Elizabeth Riley, CDEMA's Executive Director (ag) and Mr Daniel Best, Director of Projects, CDB. Other heads of
  regional technical agencies will participate remotely.
- Detailed Damage Sector Assessment (DDSA) Team will present its findings to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and regional and international partners on April 21st.
- Ongoing coordination efforts are taking place via the daily briefing of the Caribbean Development Partners Group comprising of regional and international partners.
- 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 5.
- For further information please contact the Regional Coordination Center via rccuser@cdema.org



### **COORDINATION - UN SYSTEM**

On 20 April 2021, the United Nations for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean had a virtual launch of the United Nations Global Funding Appeal for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Special remarks will were made by Mr. Didier Trebucq, UN Resident Coordinator, the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Hon Ralph Gonsalves, Ms. Elizabeth Rielly, Executive Director a.g. CDEMA and Dr. Didacus Jules, Director General, the OECS Commission. The Funding Appeal aims to mobilise international solidarity and support to finance the urgent humanitarian and recovery needs that have arisen due to Volcano La Soufrière.



#### **EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

- CDEMA CU continues to manage telecommunication (mainly radio) as follows:
  - SVG Support Radio Net continues on a 24 hour rotation.
  - CDEMA CU Radio net continues within the SVG Support Net's 24-hour rotation.
  - Maintains good comms with: RSS; NEMO; SVG Support Amateur Radio Operators;
     CDRU 1; PSs Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica,
     Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and Tobago and Regional Amateur
     Radio Operators.
  - Monitors Radio nets continuously

## Support being provided by RRM and other Partners as at 20 April



#### RELIEF SUPPORT

- Antigua and Barbuda sent a second shipment of relief items including water, water tanks, water containers, chlorine, blankets, sheets, toiletries, baby items and dry goods via a Tropical Shipping container vessel on the night of Monday, April 19th.
- A relief shipment from Martinique departed on April 19th containing bulk and bottled water, hygiene
  products, protective equipment (masks, glasses, high-visibility nets), dry food, and COVID tests.



#### **AGRICULTURE**

- Significant damage has been done to crops, livestock, fisheries, and wildlife.
- In the red zone there is 100 % of loss in the vegetation (with 90% damage to tree crops) and 80% loss of vegetation in the orange zone.
- Health problems are expected in animals due to their consumption of ash.
- Support is being mobilised by Trinidad & Tobago for 900 bags of livestock feed.



#### **WASH**

- CAWASA reported that the water quality report proved that water is of good quality meeting WHO standards.
- A shipment containing 20 containers (100 pounds) of chlorine in powder form has left Miami en route to SVG to arrive on 28 April.
- There are some concerns related to the number of showers and lavatory facilities in some shelters.



#### **HEALTH**

- The Ministry of Health has reported no new positive COVID cases.
- An air quality evaluation is to be conducted and the associated health risks to be monitored.
- Psycho-social services are currently being administered via WhatsApp.



#### **PROTECTION**

A full time shelter coordinator of IOM has been contracted and is fully operational.

## 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** 

Bank of New York

**SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N** 

Name: Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Accountant General - Disaster Relief Fund

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 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** 

For persons outside of Barbados:

Intermediary Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

SWIFT Code: PNBPUS3NNYC
ABA Routing #: 026 005 092
Account Number: 2000192003913

Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

Beneficiary Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank

Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados

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**Currency of Account: UNITED STATES DOLLARS**