

LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

SITUATION REPORT No. 32

AS OF 1:00 PM ON 4 AUGUST, 2021

Volcanic activity remains low at La Soufrière, St. Vincent

A scientific update by the UWI Seismic Research Centre on August 4, 2021 reported the following:

- Seismic activity at La Soufrière, St Vincent has remained low since the tremor associated with the explosion and ash venting on 22 April. In the last 24 hours, only a few small earthquakes have been recorded.
- Current activity is consistent with a period of unrest after an eruption. This can continue for weeks to months. While volcanic activity has been on a decline, there is the continued presence of near surface hot spots, daily seismic activity and persistent degassing.
- There is a small, but not insignificant, possibility that magmatic activity might restart, should there be an influx of new magma from depth.
- The volcano is at alert level ORANGE.



Photo caption and credit: View of La Soufrière from the West Coast during a traverse to measure the SO₂ flux. Erouscilla Joseph, UWI-SRC.

ALERT LEVEL ORANGE



Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

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On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, a National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) News Release informed that the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines announced that:

- Residents of the communities of Fitz-Hughes and Chateaubelair who evacuated due to the explosive eruption of the La Soufrière volcano would be able to return home from Friday, July 23, 2021.

A Situation Report by NEMO issued on July 11, 2021 stated that the following announcements made by the Hon. Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Thursday May 20 for persons displaced from the orange and some parts of the red volcano hazard zones are still in place:

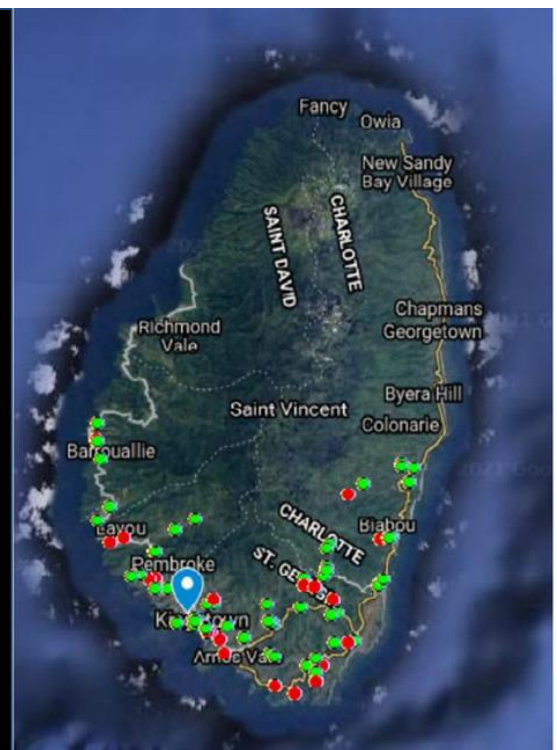
- The communities in the red volcano hazard zone from Rabacca to Fancy remain restricted.
- Access to the red volcanic hazard zone is still limited to government approved essential work only. Conditions remain hazardous and the potential for injury remains. Residents are also asked to desist from visiting the La Soufriere Volcano.
- 10-12 buildings in communities in close proximity to the restricted areas in the red volcano hazard zone have been identified to possibly relocate shelterees who evacuated from those areas.

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED BY NEMO ON JULY 11, 2021:



- 45 public shelters with 1,990 evacuees and 536 volunteers
- 791 persons being fed from private shelters
- 4,557 displaced families (19,390 persons) registered in private home placement from the red, orange and yellow zones
- NEMO continues to coordinate the Shelter Management Operation.

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- A water distribution drive was coordinated which resulted in 700+ hundred cases of bottled water distributed to residences on the Windward side of the island; and 592 cases on the Leeward side.
- The SVG Coast Guard continues patrols in red zone areas along the coast, providing transportation support to the scientific team to facilitate gas sampling and examining any changes in deposits.
- The Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force continues to provide security at shelters, warehouses and ministries.
- Sanitization, COVID-19 testing and surveillance by the Ministry of Health is ongoing at public shelters.
- Under the food package distribution programme:
 - 7,148 food packages were provided to 2,928 displaced families (13,012 persons) and 448 non-evacuee families (1,677 persons) in Phase 1 (April 13 - May 7, 2021).
 - 5,948 food packages were provided to 4,356 displaced families (20,023 persons) in private home placement in Phases 2 & 3 (May 8 - July 11, 2021).
 - 7,997 food packages for displaced families returning home (May 25 - July 11, 2021).
- 2,863 displaced families were sent World Food Programme (WFP) cash.
- 200 displaced families (classified as indigent and poor households with vulnerabilities) were placed on WFP cash and CARITAS (one-time) cash Top-up.
- 335 displaced families (above the approved income threshold for WFP cash) were placed on Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) one-time cash.
- 64 displaced families not placed on any form of cash support but will be covered by the Ministry of National Mobilization.
- 70 persons (including Ministry of Education counsellors, Ministry of National Mobilization staff, Red Cross volunteers and teachers) were trained as facilitators for the implementation of the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) Programme that began on July 28, 2021. Training was facilitated by the Red Cross, UNICEF and Child Development Division through funding from UNICEF and the Red Cross and support from ISRAAID.
- Gender-based Violence Awareness Workshops were conducted in six (6) shelters.
- The Child Development Division will be conducting a 2-month child abuse awareness campaign in shelters and will continue conducting parenting workshops through August, 2021.



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- The Buildings Roads and General Services Authority (BRAGSA) continues routine maintenance activity at the Emergency Shelters, the Arnos Vale Hub and various distribution points.
- The Ministry of Transport and Works continues to coordinate the transportation of relief supplies, persons from emergency shelters to their homes, and assets to support the Logistics, Shelter, Social Services and Supplies Sub-Committees.
- The Ministry of Tourism continues to provide support to pregnant women and their families, and other vulnerable persons with hotel accommodation.



Response from the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) and Other Partners

- The World Food Programme (WFP) continues to collaborate with the Ministry of National Mobilization on the cash support to evacuated families. WFP has also provided support in the area of stock inventory, and conducted a visit to the communities of Sandy Bay and Georgetown along with the USAID Team on Thursday July 8, 2021.
- United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has distributed Hygiene kits at Victoria Park, provided cash support through the Ministry of National Mobilization and provided support for the implementation of the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) Programme in collaboration with the SVG Red Cross, Child Development Division.
- In support of the Government of St. Vincent of the Grenadines and in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and the European Union, CDEMA and other partners are providing assistance for the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).
- CDEMA will continue to monitor the situation in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and provide monthly updates at this time or more frequently should it become necessary.



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.

Bank of America
SWIFT Code: BOFAUS3M

Bank of New York
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N

For further credit to:

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 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
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