

EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

SITUATION REPORT No. 11

AS OF 10:00 PM ON 12 APRIL, 2021

Volcanic Activity Continues at La Soufrière, St. Vincent Alert Level Upgraded to Red

LOCATION:

La Soufrière Volcano, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines

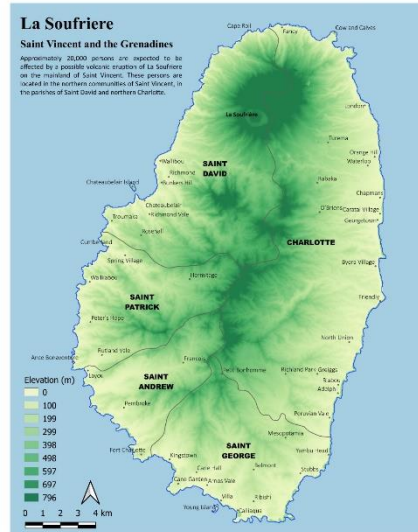
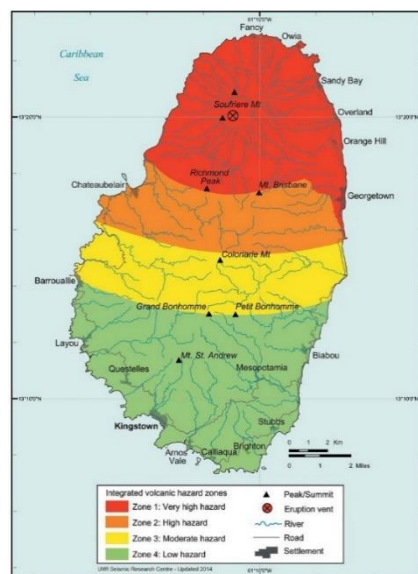
PRESENT ACTIVITY:

Ongoing Explosive Eruption

ALERT LEVEL: RED

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- At 4:05am there was a huge Pelean style explosion accompanied by pyroclastic density currents on the south and south western flanks of the volcano
- The domes formed in 1979 and 2021 have been destroyed and a deep crater with a vent now exists
- Explosions are ongoing
- SRC has lost connection with 4 of its 8 seismic stations and new seismic stations will be installed when it is safe to do so
- The remaining 4 stations will provide the ability to monitor the activity and will be augmented by satellite imagery
- Areas Evacuated:** The first phase of the evacuation began with communities in the Red Zone, and in the Orange Zone closest to the volcano on the island's Leeward side including Georgetown northwards to Fancy, Chateaubelair, Fitz-Hughes and Richmond. Some persons who opted not to evacuate from Chateaubelair and Owia, later requested evacuation and efforts were ongoing. In-country transportation was being hindered by heavy ash fall in some areas.

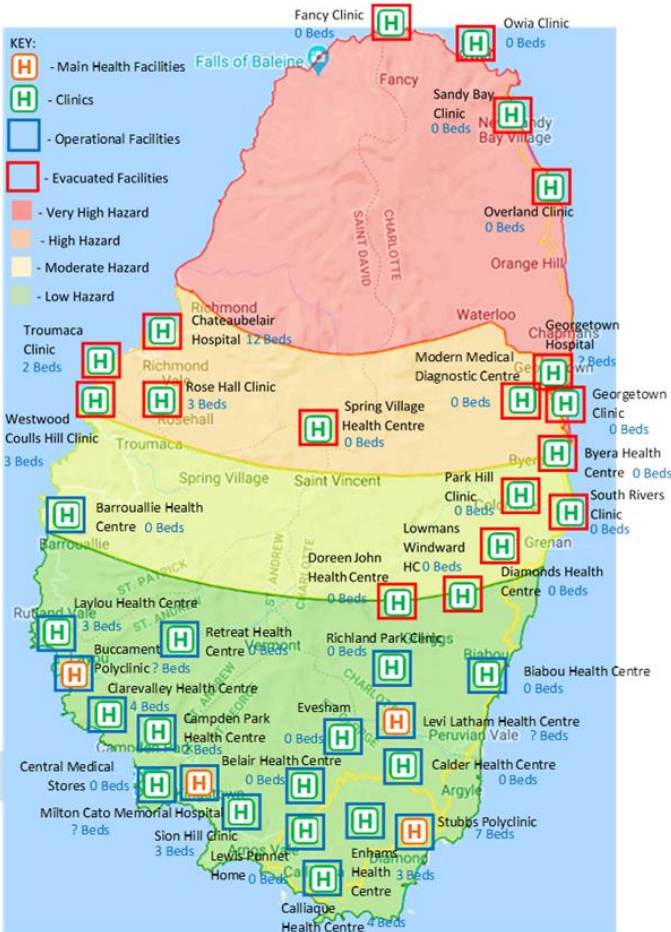


**Evacuation Orders
have been issued. Access to the
volcano is strictly prohibited.**

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) has been in regular contact with NEMO St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the following was reported:

St. Vincent & the Grenadines Actions



St. Vincent & the Grenadines Health Care Facilities (Source:PAHO)

- The **National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC)** is activated and operational 24 hrs. They will continue to provide regular updates to the public.
 - The Hon. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves held a press briefing on 12 April 2021 to update the nation on the situation.
 - Duties have been waived on relief supplies, water and barrels.
 - Water supplies collected by CWSA prior to the eruptions will be augmented with bulk and bottled water donations from the region and desalinated water from Grenadine islands.
 - VINLEC is continuing to restore power to areas outside the Red Zone as working in the Red Zone is still unsafe.
 - Primary and secondary forests and tree crops around volcano have been destroyed
 - There have been no reports of off-island evacuation.
- The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) continues to coordinate the response to this emergency.*



- 85 Shelters activated
- 3,586 housed in shelters
- Evacuees sheltering with friends/family unquantified



- Approx. 16,000-20,000 persons likely to be affected/ displaced
- Approx 7,600 women and girls in affected areas



Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism

- Detailed Damage Sector Assessment (DDSA) Team mobilized to support damage assessment in Water, Health and Agriculture
- CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) being mobilized- will assist with relief management on the ground
- Coordinating pledges and donations from CDEMA PS, regional and international partners; daily partner coordination briefings
- Coordinated shipment of relief supplies to St. Vincent on 11 April 2021
- Guidelines prepared for CDEMA Participating States on receipt and management of potential evacuees
- Accounts established for direct donations to St. Vincent relief efforts and the regional disaster response fund

List of preparatory actions being undertaken by the RRM Partners



LOGISTICS SUPPORT

- WFP: Personnel in the field providing technical assistance and digitalize the registration forms and needs assessments to avoid bottlenecks.
- FAO: coordinating with the Ministry of Agriculture to support priority livestock needs
- CARPHA: COVID-19 protocols for evacuation and working quarantine protocols approved by COSHOD on 12 April 2021
- UKFCDO: approved £200,000 for RRM deployments



RELIEF SUPPORT

- World Food Programme (WFP) pledged 2,800 MREs (on standby); Cash/voucher support including through social protection systems and other means
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) has pledged 1,200 hygiene kits (on standby)
- CWWA: supporting CWSA in water quality testing and sourcing potable water
- Jamaica: pledged donations of potable water
- Grenada: shipped relief supplies, with additional supplies being prepared
- IFRC Team will deploy to support the Red Cross National Society; Shelter, WASH, Relief Items send from Panama. Cash support is also provided



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

Company Name and Address

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Bank Details - US Dollars

Intermediary Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
SWIFT Code: PNBPU33NNYC
ABA Routing #: 026 005 092
Account Number: 2000192003913
Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

Bank Details- 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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