

# EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

## SITUATION REPORT No. 12

AS OF 10:00 PM ON 13 APRIL, 2021

### Volcanic Eruptions Continue at La Soufrière, St. Vincent

#### LOCATION:

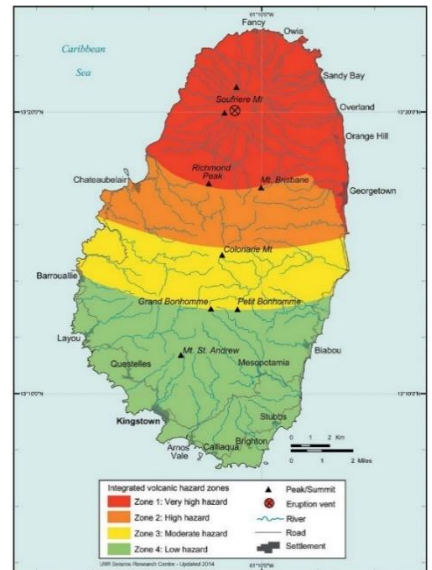
**La Soufrière Volcano, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines**

#### PRESENT ACTIVITY:

**Ongoing Explosive Eruption**

#### ALERT LEVEL: **RED**

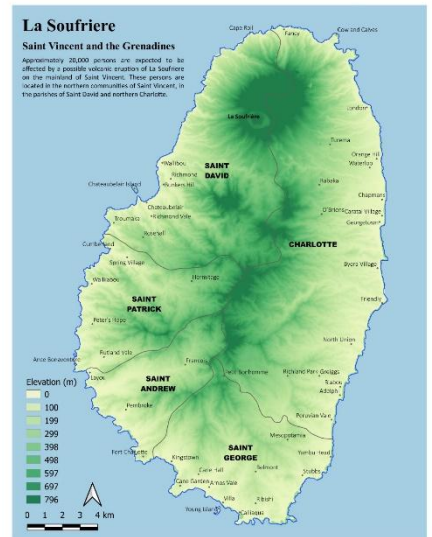
<b>Red</b>	Eruption is in progress or may occur without further warning	Measurements as permitted by safety condition. Civil authorities advised continuously.	Coordinate continued evaluation as necessary. Organize regular radio and television announcements.
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### SITUATION OVERVIEW

The latest Scientific Advisory from the UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) issued at 6:00 AM on 13th April, 2021, reported the following:

- Seismic activity at La Soufrière continued the pattern established yesterday (Monday 12th April), with short bands of continuous seismic tremor interspersed with long-period earthquakes.
- Following the latest band of tremor, at 1:30 am on April 13, the long-period earthquakes have steadily become more frequent.
- Audible venting was heard associated with some periods of tremor and long-period earthquake activity.
- At 6:00 AM, 13th April, a classic vulcanian explosion occurred on the forty second anniversary of the 1979 eruption.
- The volcano continues to erupt explosively and has now begun to generate pyroclastic density currents.
- Explosions and accompanying ashfall, of similar or larger magnitude, are likely to continue to occur over the next few days.



**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



- 85 Shelters activated
- Approximately 4,000 housed in shelters
- Approximately 2,000 (400 families) evacuees sheltering with friends/family



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

#### Immediate Needs:



- Drinking Water



- Cots



- WASH Items

**The Government of SVG has approved 100% waiver of ALL import taxes and fees for relief supplies, water and barrels from April 12 to June 30, 2021. See details on [www.cdema.org](http://www.cdema.org)**

- The **National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC)** is activated and operational 24 hrs.
- The Hon. Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves held a press briefing on 13 April 2021 to update the nation on the situation.
- St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited (VINLEC) is to restore power to areas where seismic stations are not functional.
- Water (approximately 17,000 litres) was received from Venezuela and Grenada yesterday.
- Displaced persons staying in private residences should register with NEMO to get access to bedding and other relief resources that will be needed in the case of a prolonged event.
- Provisions will be made for distribution of food packages to displaced persons.
- Family living overseas should send money donations rather than small packages to avoid putting undue stress on the ports to process small packages. Bulk shipping should be done where possible.
- Arriving security assistance will be operating within the local SVG system reporting to the Commissioner of Police and Minister Responsible for National Security.
- Development partners are reminded that donations should be directed through CDEMA's Emergency Assistance Fund.

*The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) continues to coordinate the response to this emergency and will continue to provide updates to the public.*



### Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism

- Detailed Damage Sector Assessment (DDSA) Team is scheduled to arrive in St Vincent on Wednesday 14th April. The team will consist of specialists in the areas of Water, Health, Agriculture and Electricity
- CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) being mobilized to assist with relief management and other humanitarian assistance needs 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 13 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: will deploy Mobile Storage Units and of the equipment to St. Vincent to augment capacity for managing relief supplies.
- 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

- PAHO along with UNICEF is coordinating a shipment of 100,000 masks (40 boxes) to be transported to St. Vincent and the Grenadines on 14 April 2021 via a Barbados Defense Force Vessel. Of these, 50,000 will be going to displaced persons in shelters and 50,000 will be for the Ministry of Health.
- 200 Family Hygiene Kits and 30 Recreation Kits will be deployed to St. Vincent and the Grenadines on 14 April 2021 (also via Barbados Defense Force Vessel) through provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding with CDEMA and UNICEF.
- The Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) is facilitating water quality testing to ascertain alternative sources of potable water for the public. Samples from 8 sources in St. Vincent will be tested in Trinidad. It is also working closely with the Detailed Damage Sectoral Analysis (DDSA) team, to generate a water sector assessment report.
- The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) Antigua and Barbuda has shipped a container with relief supplies in support of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



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

- The Government of Belize has approved a contribution in the sum of US\$50,000 to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for disaster relief. A request for cash donations has also been made to the public to support relief efforts.

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**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 Emergency Assistance Fund 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

### Bank Details - US Dollars

**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

### 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  
**Account Number:** 1001206239  
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