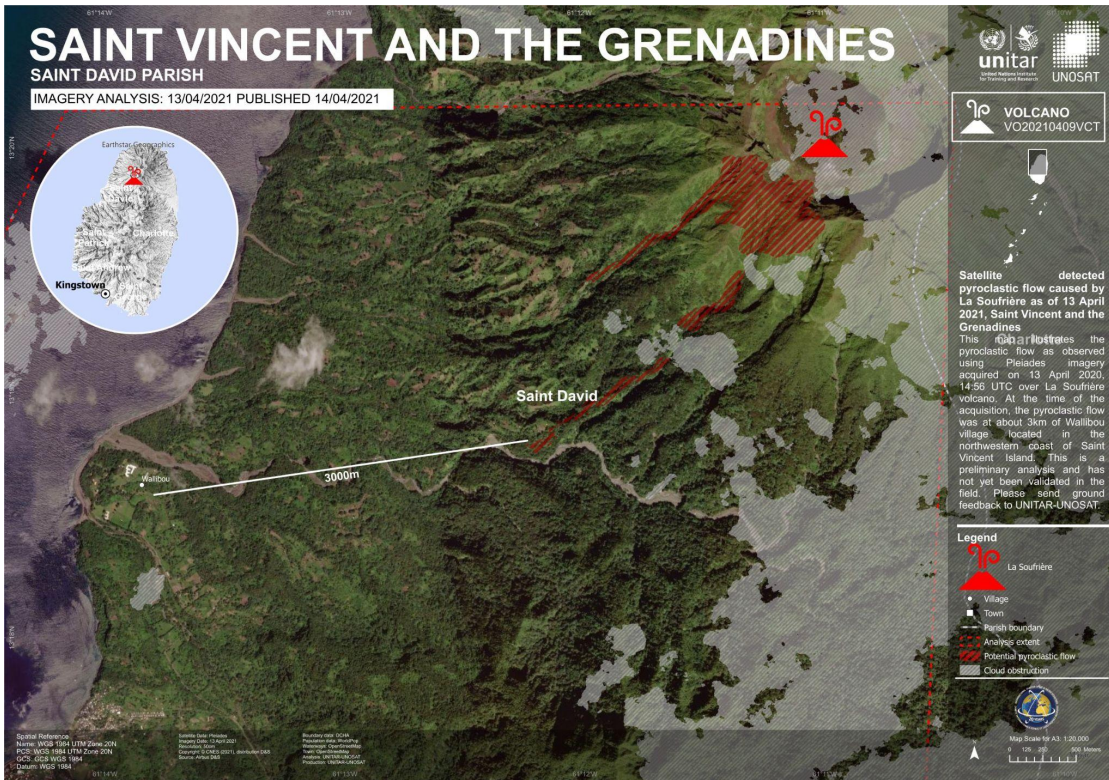


# EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

## SITUATION REPORT No. 14

AS OF 9:00 PM ON 15 APRIL, 2021

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



This map illustrates the pyroclastic flow as observed using Pleiades imagery acquired on 13 April 2020, 14:56 UTC over La Soufrière volcano.

At the time of the acquisition, the pyroclastic flow was at about 3km of Wallibou village located in the northwestern coast of Saint Vincent Island.

This is a preliminary analysis and has not yet been validated in the field. Please send ground feedback to UNITAR-UNOSAT.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

The latest Scientific Advisory from the UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) issued at 6:00 AM on 15th April, 2021, reported the following:

- Seismic activity at La Soufrière, St Vincent continued to follow the established pattern with bands of tremor about between 13 and 15 hours apart, separated by swarms of small long-period earthquakes. The latest band of tremor started at about 2:30 am and was associated with increased venting.
- The volcano continues to erupt explosively and has now begun to generate pyroclastic density currents. Its current pattern of explosions appears to be episodic with increasing intervals and less energy. 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 AND THE GRENADINES SHELTERS REPORT



Thursday, April 15, 2021

#### PUBLIC SHELTERS

**89**

#### NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN PUBLIC SHELTERS

**4,136**

#### NUMBER OF DISPLACED FAMILIES

**1,333**

#### NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS IN PRIVATE SHELTERS

**3,275**

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED DISPLACED PERSONS

**7,411**

#### NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

**0**

**NEMO EMERGENCY: (784) 458-6366**

**nemosvg@gov.vc**

**NEMO HOTLINE: (784) 526-3000**

#### Supplies



- 324 mattresses delivered
- 940 cases of water delivered to public shelters
- Distribution of cooking gas begun

#### Public Works/Transport



- Road crews deployed for road cleanup
- Supplies received by docked vessels offloaded and delivered to shelters/warehouse

#### Welfare



- 275 packages were distributed
- 142 families received packages
- Packages are to be made for 2-week periods
- 1200 meals to be provided daily through the SVG mission of the Seventh day Adventist Church for 4 weeks, April 18-May 14

#### Health



- 34 active health facilities
- 3 COVID-19 cases recorded in shelters
- 2 COVID-19 cases reported in the RSVGPF (Police)
- 12-15% of sheltered to be tested COVID-19 daily
- Contact tracing in shelters done
- Technical support being provided by CARPHA

#### Duty Free Concessions



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)



## Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- Detailed Damage Sector Assessment (DDSA) Team arrived in St Vincent today Thursday 15th April. The team will be briefed and commence assessments on Friday 16th April in the areas of Water, Health, Agriculture and Electricity.
- CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) being mobilized through the RSS. The CDRU will assist with relief management at the Port and other humanitarian assistance needs on the ground.
- Coordinating pledges and donations from CDEMA PS, regional and international partners; daily partner coordination briefings. Please contact the Regional Coordination Center via [ccuser@cdema.org](mailto:ccuser@cdema.org)
- The public is being advised to coordinate relief supplies with their National Disaster Office in country
- Accounts established for direct donations to St. Vincent relief efforts and the regional disaster response fund (see page 5 for details)

## Support being provided by RRM and other Partners as at 15 April



### FINANCING

- The United Nations has received approval of financial mobilisation from the Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) of US \$1 million to support the most vulnerable people displaced by this emergency. The funding will support lifesaving interventions consisting of cash-based interventions led by the World Food Programme (WFP), with UNICEF technical support, and water supply and hygiene and environmental cleaning assistance, with multi-sectoral support to shelters and health led by UNICEF with PAHO technical support.



### RELIEF SUPPORT

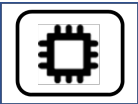
- The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) reallocated USD179,330.06 to procure emergency response items, namely:
  - Shelter Supplies (USD 63,088.06) to NEMO and Red Cross – 100 Portable Toilets and systems, 50 Water tanks (100 Gallons) and hand washing stations, 1000 Mattresses and bedding, 22 pallets of bottled water (24x500ml bottles in each case, 70 cases per pallet), 20 pallets of food and misc supplies. Ready for dispatch from Trinidad port next week.
  - Monitoring and Early Warning equipment (USD116,242): Seismic Station (Seismometer, recorder, digitizer, power supply and case, 20 Wireless Ethernet Radios, 1 Remote monitoring camera, 3 GPS Antennas and receivers, SO2 Spectrometer for gas measurement and Mavic 300 drone.
- The European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) was activated on 12 April by St Vincent and the Grenadines, and France offered the assistance/relief items (PPE, bottled drinking water), delivered on 14 April, within the framework of the UCPM.
- The Dominica Water and Sewerage Company Limited (DOWASCO) in support to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines sent 150 cases of water to the Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA). Additionally, the company in coordination with the Government of Dominica will be sending sixteen 10,000 gallon bladders filled with water to go towards the relief efforts.

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### LOGISTICS SUPPORT

- In coordination with CDEMA, WFP is dispatching a seven MT truck, two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), two generators, forklifts, and other equipment via commercial vessel to SVG. Assets will be made available to national authorities to augment logistical capacities.
- JetBlue Airways has offered to aid in the transporting of volunteers and supplies in accordance with the capabilities of the airline's aircraft.



### ICT SUPPORT

- Digicel has provided thirty (30) Handsets with thirty (30) SIMs. In the first instance - Activation of 30 – 30 Day Prepaid Prime Bundles, valued at XCD\$100 each, with each including:
  - 1000 Digicel to Digicel Minutes
  - 400 Digicel to Other provider minutes
  - 222 GB of Data



### WASH

- PAHO deployed a WASH expert on 11th April to provide essential WASH support to the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association and Ministry of Health (MoH).



### EVACUATION

- The US Embassy is coordinating with Royal Caribbean Cruises for a maritime evacuation of US citizens from St. Vincent on Friday, 16 April to Dutch Sint Maarten. Boarding on the Celebrity Reflection will begin at 7:00 A.M. It will depart Kingstown Port, St. Vincent at 1:00 P.M.



### COORDINATION

- UN System: Meeting of the UNST convened on 14 April. The UNETT mechanism will facilitate consolidation of information on the various sectors pre-identified to present UN agencies' various interventions.

## 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 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

### 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

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