

# EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION AT LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

## SITUATION REPORT No. 10

AS OF 9:00 PM ON 11 APRIL, 2021

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

#### LOCATION:

La Soufrière Volcano, Saint Vincent  
and The Grenadines

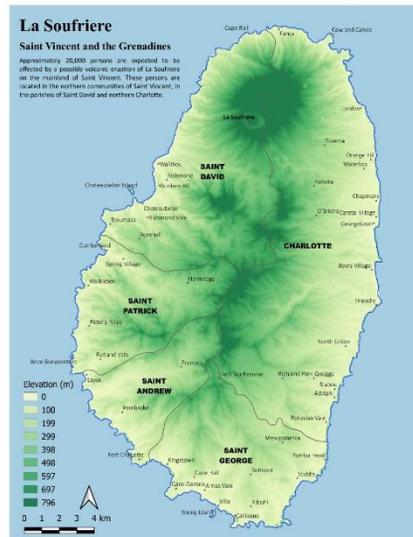
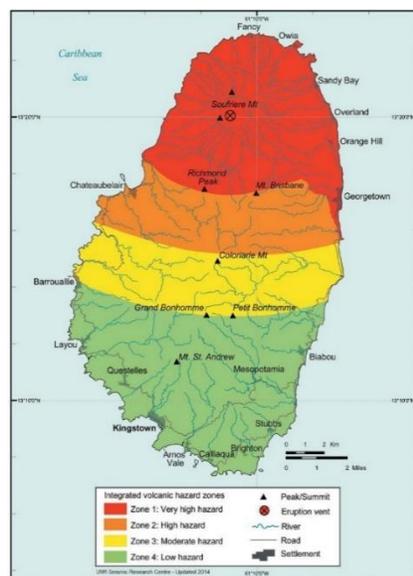
#### PRESENT ACTIVITY:

Ongoing Explosive Eruption

**ALERT LEVEL: RED**

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Explosive events continue with significant venting of ash.
- Ashfall occurred in most areas of the island overnight and in the Grenadines, Barbados, Saint Lucia and Grenada.
- Rainfall has added to the weight of ash on buildings and the remobilization of material in streams, valleys and on hills.
- Scientists informed of possible pyroclastic flows on the eastern side of the island.
- There were some reports of individuals with respiratory concerns.
- **Areas Evacuated:** The first phase of the evacuation began with communities in the Red Zone and those communities in the Orange Zone closest to the volcano on the Leeward side of the island. These are communities from Georgetown northwards to Fancy, and the communities of 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



- 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



- Vulnerability & Risk Assessments of evacuees ongoing

- **National Emergency Operations Centre:** the 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 11 April 2021 to update the nation on the situation.
- Distribution of relief supplies to all shelters:
  - Feeding and food and water
  - Cots, bedding and toiletries
  - PPEs, cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers
- Evacuees not in a NEMO/Government evacuation center are asked to register with the SVG Red Cross Society at 784-570-6958 or NEMO at 784-456-2975 or 784-458 6366.
- Bulletins, CAP Alerts and social media blasts were distributed to all Media Houses and shared to NEMO's social media platforms: <https://www.facebook.com/nemosvg/>; Instagram: nemosvg20
- RESTRICTED AREAS: Northward of the Walliabou Bridge on the Leeward side and North of Mount Young on the Windward Side

*The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) continues to coordinate the response to this emergency.*



### Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism



- CARICOM Operation Support Team - additional personnel deployed to SVG on 11th April 2021
- DDSA Team is being mobilized to support damage assessment in Water, Health, Electrical and Agriculture



- Caribbean Development Partner Group- Disaster Management met on 11th April 2021
- CDEMA CU Emergency Telecommunications Team - 24-hour monitoring of the volcano

## List of preparatory actions being undertaken by the RRM Partners



### LOGISTICS SUPPORT

- Tropical Shipping schedule was circulated to Participating States for the provision of logistics support
- Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force committed to deploying fifty (50) officers to SVG on Tuesday 13 April
- St. Kitts and Nevis to provide human resources toward the Security Forces via the Regional Security System (RSS)



### RELIEF SUPPORT

- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), Trinidad and Tobago to deploy supplies on Tuesday, 13 April and Wednesday, 14 April
- St. Kitts and Nevis to donate relief supplies including two (2) 20ft water containers, food items and water via Tropical Shipping on Tuesday, 13 April
- St. Kitts and Nevis to contribute \$1 million EC dollars to SVG and US \$20,000 to the CDEMA Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF)
- Guyana to donate relief supplies based on the Needs List requirements
- Belize pledged solidarity to SVG and a cash donation



### PARTNER SUPPORT

- Partners desirous of offering in-country support, MUST obtain prior clearance from the Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines to enter the country