

LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

SITUATION REPORT No. 28

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 10 MAY, 2021

Volcanic Activity Continues at La Soufrière, St. Vincent Alert Level Remains at Orange

An advisory by the UWI Seismic Research Centre on May 10th 2021 at 6:00PM 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 long-period earthquakes have been recorded.
- Measurements of the sulphur dioxide flux at La Soufrière were carried out by boat off the west coast yesterday (9 May) with the assistance of the coast guard.

Several traverses were completed and yielded an average SO₂ flux of 208 tons per day.

- The volcano continues to be in a state of unrest. Escalation in activity can still take place with little or no warning.
- Information regarding coping with the lahar and ash hazards should be disseminated to the public. The mandatory evacuation order of the Red Zone should be rigorously enforced. Caution should be taken in traversing river valleys on the volcano due to the increased risk of lahars during periods of rainfall on the volcano.
- The volcano is at alert level ORANGE.



A deposit that has met the coast and because it is still hot, steam can be seen rising from it. Photo Credit: Javid Collins - UWITV

ALERT LEVEL ORANGE

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

NEMO EMERGENCY: (784) 458-6366

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NEMO HOTLINE: (784) 526-3000

A News Release by the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) issued on May 6th, 2021 stated the following:

- The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has taken the decision that residents of communities in the orange zone from Petit Bordel to Gordon Yard on the Leeward side of the island and up to Mt. Young near the RUBIS Gas Station on the Windward side of the island, can return home and carry out normal activities.
- The lowering of the Volcano Alert Level to Orange means that residents who evacuated from the Yellow and Orange Zones can now return to their communities to resume living in the comfort of their homes and continue their livelihood.
- Residents who now are in Emergency Shelters from the following areas can now return to their homes:
 - Petit Bordel - Gordon Yard on the Leeward side of the island.
 - Communities as far as the Mt. Young River on the Windward side of the island.
- The communities of Chateaubelair, Fitz- Hughes and all communities in the Red Volcano Hazard Zone remain restricted.
- The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) has advised the public that access to the RED Volcanic Hazard Zone is 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 Soufrière Volcano.

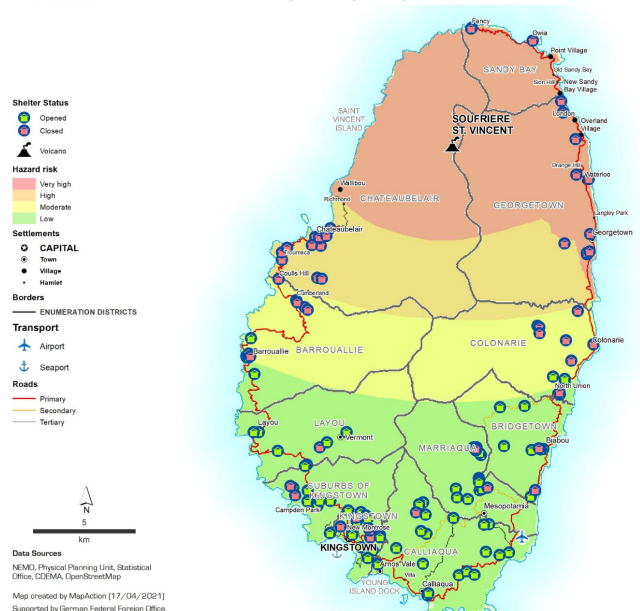
THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED BY THE CARICOM OPERATIONS SUPPORT TEAM (COST) ON MAY 9, 2021:



- 84 public shelters with 4,417 occupants

- Persons in private homes – 18,927
- Number of Households – 4,777
- Total displaced overall – 23,445
- The numbers are still fluctuating due to persons heading back home and others returning to shelters from private homes.
- Shelter managers noted the need for assistance for people returning to the orange zone with food packages, transportation and clean up.

MAP ACTION St Vincent and the Grenadines: La Soufrière volcano
Location and status of shelters (as of 17 Apr 2021)



Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- COST team continues to provide direct support to the NEMO operations, particularly the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC), coordination and Logistics management.
- The CDRU is transitioning the operations of the Arnos Vale Logistic Hub to the national team and CLS training is being conducted by WFP at satellite locations as CDRU operations will conclude on May 26, 2021.
- The public is being advised to coordinate relief supplies with their National Disaster Offices in country, cash donations are strongly recommended and banking details are provided on page 5.
- For further information please contact the Regional Coordination Center via rccuser@cdema.org



Mobile Storage Units set up at the Arnos Vale Logistics Hub



WASH

- CWSA rehabilitation is underway at 3 treatment plants
- WASH supplies are being provided by UN agencies and a list of shelters being compiled for distribution of messages and materials with a focus on hygiene and COVID-19 prevention



SHELTER

- The numbers in shelter continue to fluctuate; there is still movement of large numbers of persons from private accommodation to public shelters.
- PAHO and the Ministry of National Mobilization is working on a proposal to assist displaced health workers, especially those from the Red zone, with accommodation and other needs.
- UNICEF and the Ministry of Education are running an assistance program in shelters in the area of social intervention.
- Shelter assessment teams have been expanded to include private physicians under the guidance of the Medical Officer of Health and community health promotion officers.
- Routine screening and testing for COVID-19 within the public shelters is being undertaken.
- The Buildings Roads and General Services Authority continue routine maintenance activity at the Shelters

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 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
Account Number: 1001206240
Currency of Account: UNITED STATES DOLLARS