

# LA SOUFRIÈRE VOLCANO, ST. VINCENT

## SITUATION REPORT No. 27

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 06 MAY, 2021

### Volcano Alert Level in St. Vincent changed from Red to Orange

A News Release issued from the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) on May 6th 2021 reported the following:

- The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has lowered the volcanic alert level at La Soufrière to ORANGE based on the advice of Scientists from the Seismic Research Centre of the University of the West Indies.
- The recommendation was made given that there have been no explosions at the volcano since April 22 and the number of volcanic earthquakes recorded has also decreased significantly.
- At alert level ORANGE, the volcano may resume explosions with less than twenty-four hours of notice.
- Lahars (mudflows) continue to pose a dangerous threat to the river valleys surrounding the volcano including Wallibou and Rabacca. Mudflows observed over the past several days have contained boulders up to 5m (15 feet) in diameter.

LA SOUFRIERE VOLCANO HAZARD ALERT LEVEL


ALERT LEVEL

# ORANGE


SYMPTOMS	Highly elevated level of seismicity or fumarolic activity or both or other unusual symptoms observed. Eruptions may occur with less than 24 hour's notice.
ACTION: SCIENTIST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring system continuously manned.</li> <li>• Regular visual inspection of potential vent areas.</li> <li>• Continuous ground deformation and hydrothermal monitoring.</li> <li>• Daily assessment reports to civil authorities.</li> </ul>
ACTION: CIVIL AUTHORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate evacuation (if necessary) based on hazard zones.</li> <li>• Entry to the restricted access zone by scientists will be permitted after evaluation on a case by case basis.</li> <li>• Organise regular radio and television announcements.</li> </ul>

ALERT LEVEL TABLE FOR ONSHORE VOLCANOES IN THE EC

OFFICIAL SOURCE



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@nemosvg



### ALERT LEVEL CHANGED TO ORANGE

- Scientists also observed steaming flows, which are likely due to contact with and incorporation of hot volcanic deposits. Lahars can cause damage to property and serious injury to persons in their path.
- Access to the RED volcanic hazard zone should be limited to government approved essential work only. Conditions remain hazardous and the potential for injury also remains.
- The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) and The UWI-SRC continue to be the authoritative sources of information on the eruption of La Soufrière volcano in Saint Vincent.

# Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

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

**nemosvg@gov.vc**

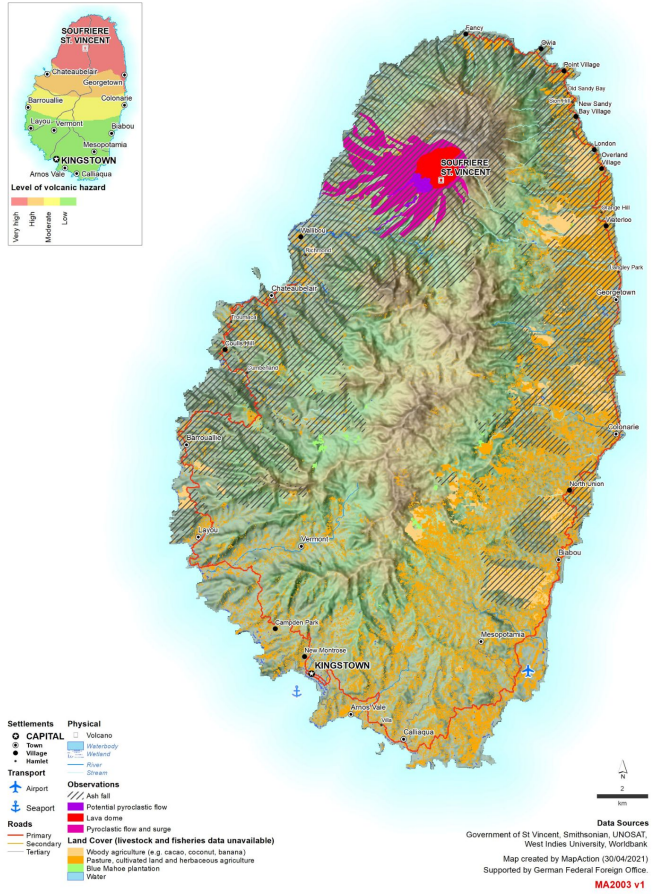
**NEMO HOTLINE: (784) 526-3000**

Additionally, the 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.



St Vincent and the Grenadines: La Soufrière volcano  
Agricultural land cover and volcanic hazards



## THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED AT THE CPDG MEETING ON MAY 6, 2021:



• 85 public shelters with 4,429 occupants

- Since the change to Orange Alert Level, displaced persons have been leaving shelters and returning to their homes in the Orange Zone
- Arrangements for the distribution of relief packages to those who have returned are underway



## 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 Arnos Vale Logistics Hub is fully operational as a result of the work done by the CDRU and WFP, supported by USAID. Training is ongoing and the CDEMA Logistics System (CLS) is being used throughout the logistics chain. The CDRU mission has been extended until May 26, 2021 with rotation of some team members.
- The Detailed Damage Sectoral Assessment (DDSA) report has been completed and submitted to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 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 [rcuser@cdema.org](mailto:rcuser@cdema.org)



### CASH & LIVELIHOODS

- WFP Information Coordination Manager is on the ground to assist in strengthening the national coordination mechanisms and dissemination of information.
- A household verification exercise began this week targeting displaced persons living in private homes requiring cash transfer support.
- WFP continues to support NEMO and CDEMA in the distribution of relief items.



### WASH

- CWWA reported that water supply is satisfactory in shelters with some activities planned to improve washroom and hygiene facilities.
- Ongoing assessment of treatment plants is scheduled with CWSA in the Orange and Red zones.



### PROTECTION

- UN Women is planning the distribution of 500 hygiene kits which was delayed due to flooding.
- In relation to GBV, a safety audit has been completed and submitted to the government.
- UNICEF continues to support the Ministry of National mobilization.



## HEALTH

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- PAHO reports that information campaigns are continuing on health promotion and messaging, including printing of posters for health care facilities and shelters and to encourage COVID-19 vaccination.
- With the support of IOM, there is an assessment of 175 displaced healthcare workers.
- PAHO continues to provide medical supplies according to the requirement of the Ministry of Health, Lab supplies, PPEs and additional COVID-19 vaccines.



## SHELTER

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- There are 85 active shelters housing 4,429 people.
- Medical supplies continue to be supplied, namely PPE, PCR test kits, lab kits, additional covid 19 vaccines
- Mental health/ psychosocial support plan to be implemented



## RELIEF SUPPORT

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- PWC has provided a cash donation of \$80,000 USD to the Community Relief Efforts in St. Vincent via CDEMA.

## 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

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