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### National Report by

[St. Vincent and the Grenadines]





### Top Achievements during the year

Chart up dates done by the UKHO from survey conducted in 2016 common wealth marine economies project.

Training: one person successfully completed the GEBCO training program in Ocean floor mapping.





## Top Challenges and/or Obstructions

(Such as capacity building gaps)

While the important of hydrography is recognized. It still not seen as essential to development for the country to commit a serious invest







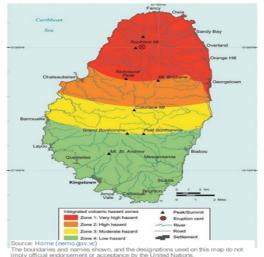
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#### St. Vincent & the Grenadines: La Soufrière Volcano Situation Report No. 02

As of 11 April 2021

This situation report is produced by the UN Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Country Emergency Technical Team (UNETT) in collaboration with humanitarian partners on behalf of the United Nations Subregional Team (UNST). It is issued by the Office of the Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean with the support of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

- As of 11 April, intervals between tremors have lasted between 1.5 to 3 hours. Based on visual observations and satellite imagery, the intervals are associated with periods of explosive activity or enhanced venting of the volcano. Explosions and accompanying ashfall, of similar or larger magnitude, are likely to continue to occur over the next few days.<sup>1</sup> Satellite imagery can be seen here.
- 54% of shelters lack basic services such as water, hygiene, and sanitation (WASH) and 63% of emergency shelters show increasing presence of unaccompanied women and girls.<sup>2</sup>
- On 11 April, Saint Vincent experienced a massive power outage around 1:00 am following another explosive event. This poses serious challenges for shelters that do not have auxiliary power.
- The United Nations at the request of the Prime Minister Hon Dr Ralph E. Gonsalves activated a mechanism to mobilize a team of experts that includes volcanologist or environmental toxicologists through UNEP to develop and implement a plan for debris management including cleanup of ashes and promote environmental health and safety.
- PAHO and WFP personnel have been deployed to support health and humanitarian efforts.
- Airports in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines are closed and there is a limited availability of maritime assets.





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### Top Plans that affect the region

(Charts, surveys, training, other)





#### **Kingstown Port Modernisation**

This project will construct new cargo port facilities and associated access roads on reclaimed land near the existing Kingstown Harbour, providing essential climate resilient infrastructure for economic activity on the island. A new marine sewer line will protect and improve the sustainability of the surrounding marine environment. The project will increase the efficiency of port services, and facilitate economic growth, while protecting the marine environment and providing livelihood support for project-affected persons.



This project has been made possible through a grant from the United Kingdom Government under the UK Caribbean Infrastructure Fund (UKCIF), which provides grant funding for climate-resilient infrastructure projects to encourage growth and to support improved livelihoods, poverty reduction and safer conditions for residents. UKCIF is administered by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). June 2021

 
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## The Port Modernization

This is a potential opportunity for the development hydrographic surveying within the waters of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



