

REGIONAL LOGISTICS CENTER FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

La Soufrière Volcanic Eruption– St. Vicent & the Grenadines

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Description of the event

La Soufrière volcano in the island of Saint Vincent began explosive eruptions on April 9, and continues to be at alert level Red. According to reports by CDEMA (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency) a total of 22,440 people have been displaced due to the emergency. On 29 April, heavy rainfall was reported across the island causing floods, landslides and lahars (mud and debris flow) exacerbating the situation on areas already affected by the eruption¹. Response and evaluation actions continue to be focused on air quality, water supply, basic needs of the displaced population, and health risks due to COVID-19, among others.

Response at the CLRAH

At the Regional Logistics Center for Humanitarian Assistance (CLRAH) located in the Republic of Panama, its international members have mobilized humanitarian cargo for this emergency.

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has shipped 6.7 tons with personal protective equipment (PPE), blankets, hygiene kits and jerrycans. IFRC also plans a second shipment of 4 tons, which will include first aid kits, goggles, buckets, and other items.

The United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) has dispatched two shipments on behalf of its partners. The first shipment was approximately 3 tons from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and included PPE, jerrycans, water purification tablets, and other supplies. The second shipment consisted on a charter from the World Food Programme (WFP) with 18.3 tons, which included mobile storage units (MSUs), generators, lighting equipment, office furniture, and equipment for field operations.

Source: Information based on public reports, as well as data provided by the IFRC and UNHRD (located at the CLRAH).

Data reported on May 3, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (Panama)

¹ CDEMA (2021, April 29). Situation Report No. 26: La Soufriere Volcano, St. Vincent. Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency. Retrieved on May 3 from reliefweb.int