



## Situation Overview

- Seismic activity at La Soufrière, St Vincent has remained low since the tremor associated with the explosion and ash venting on 22 April.
- The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has lowered the volcanic alert level at La Soufrière to ORANGE based on recommendation from The University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre (UWI-SRC).

HIGHLIGHTS	
Estimated # of affected persons/evacuees (total displaced)	24,651
# of villages evacuated	30*
# of public shelters	72
# persons in public shelters (government)	3,331
# displaced families (households)	6,151
# displaced persons in private shelters (private residence)	21,153
# of displaced vulnerable persons	4,669
# of displaced elderly	2,992
# evacuated health facilities (2 hospitals, all others are clinics)	13
# COVID-19 isolation centres	3
Hospital bed Capacity on main island	200
Hospital bed Capacity in the Grenadines	21
# Active COVID-19 cases <sup>1</sup>	199
Total vaccines administered - <sup>1</sup>	20,768

## Health Situation



- Teams of health personnel visit the shelters daily to administer COVID-19 vaccinations and tests; as well as carry out syndromic surveillance (Coughs, Fevers and Diarrhoea); none of these three symptoms were reported.
- COVID-19 case reporting:

Report Date	New COVID-19 Cases	# New cases in Shelters	Recoveries	Active Cases
May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	8	0	1	199
May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	8	4	0	192
May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	13	1	0	184
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	8	2	0	171
May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	11	0	2	163

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) urges the public to exercise public health and social measures; to wear masks, practice hand hygiene, keep physical distance, and people with high-risk conditions and vulnerable for severe illness to receive vaccines to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Hemodialysis services are being provided by Evesham Health Centre, from April 29, 2021. Hemodialysis services continue to be provided at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, as well as a private facility in the green zone in the immediate term.

## PAHO Response Actions (currently in progress)

- PAHO supports the communication plan implemented by MoH to decrease vaccine hesitancy.
- PAHO is ready to support:
  - The implementation of the Surveillance Early Warning, Alert and Response System (EWARS),
  - The set-up of an air quality monitoring system,
  - The cleaning of health care facilities
  - The implementation of WASH interventions in priority facilities (selected by MoH)
- On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 results from ash sampling by the International Volcanic Health Hazard Network were discussed with PS and MoH staff (related to health), cleaning of health care facilities, logistics, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and planning of health working group coordination meeting.
- PAHO facilitates the use of the Annex to the H-EOC, and has supplied the furniture and several appliances. This facility will also be used for temporary storage of PAHO donations.
- PAHO is working with the World Food Program (WFP) to facilitate the distribution of cash assistance vouchers to approximately 180 displaced health care workers and their families. This distribution is expected to take place this week.
- PAHO facilitated the delivery of 21,600 COVID-19 vaccines from COVAX on May 25th, 2021. The PAHO/UNICEF social media campaign on COVID-19 vaccines started last week.
- PAHO will donate additional PPE's and N95 masks as requested by the Ministry of Health. A shipment of 10000 gowns and 7228 respirator masks (non-medical) arrived from Panama on 31st May 2021. The respirator masks are essential for use during the cleaning operations. An Additional shipment of 8000 N95 masks from Barbados is expected to arrive in SVG on 11th June 2021.

- PAHO has commissioned a videographer to produce three (3) Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) to support MOH Risk Communication on hygiene and sanitation, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and healthy eating for diabetics and hypertensives during disasters. PAHO has reviewed the scripts and will facilitate the production and airing of these PSAs.
- PAHO has facilitated the printing of posters (Ash cleaning and COVID-19 vaccines) for health care facilities and shelters;



*Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Mr. Curthbert Knights, accepts COVID-19 supplies provided by PAHO from Ms. Nicole Slack Liburd, PAHO Country Programme Specialist and Mr. Melvin Tebbutt, PAHO WASH expert*

Description	Unit of Measure	Units	Unit Price USD	Total Price USD
Oxygen Concentrator, 110 / 230 V - 50 Hz, with accessories	Unit	5	USD 589.54	USD 2,947.70
Pulse Oximeter, portable handheld, Plug B	Unit	2	USD 381.05	USD 762.10
Pulse Oximeter - fingertips	Unit	32	USD 175.00	USD 5,600.00
Gowns	Unit	7,520	USD 6.05	USD 45,496.00
Surgical Masks	Unit	7,500	USD 0.60	USD 4,500.00
Face Shields	Unit	900	USD 1.00	USD 900.00
Mask Respirators KN95	Unit	300	USD 1.80	USD 540.00
Gloves examination, latex	Unit	15,000	USD 0.126	USD 1,890.00
Respirators Face Mate	Unit	750	USD 2.20	USD 1,650.00
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>USD 64,285.80</b>

## Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS)

- PAHO is working with Ministry of Health on the implementation of the proposed MHPSS strategy.
- MHPSS and Psychological First Aid (PFA): A capacity building session is being organized for front-line workers on the provision of psychosocial support and basic self-care principles. Participants will be required to complete an online Psychological First Aid (PFA) course, a 12-hour self-paced training before June 8, 2021. (PFA course is available at: <https://www.campusvirtualsp.org/en/course/psychological-first-aid-pfa-disaster-management-caribbean-second-edition-2020>) On successful completion of this course and the issuance of a certificate, a series of three webinars will be convened:
  - Monday, June 14, 2021, 2:30-3:30pm Webinar 1. Coordination and follow up session.
  - Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 2:30-3:30pm Webinar 2. Presentation on MHPSS intervention.
  - Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 10:00-11:00am Webinar 3 Presentation on Self-Care Training: Doing what matters in times of stress.



# Psychological First Aid Course

A 12-hour self-paced online training

### Who Can Participate?

Health care workers/hotline workers/volunteers/social workers/teachers/shelter managers/community leaders/ faith-based organizations and other frontline workers are trained in the provision of Psychological First Aid (PFA), the provision of psychosocial support and basic self-care principles.

\*Opened to nationals of St. Vincent and the Grenadines only

### What is Required?

Participants will be required to complete an online 12-hour self-paced Psychological First Aid (PFA) course before **10 June 2021** using the below link:

<https://www.campusvirtualsp.org/en/course/psychological-first-aid-pfa-disaster-management-caribbean-second-edition-2020>

On successful completion and the issuance of a certificate, candidates will participate in a series of three webinars to be convened during the week of **14 June 2021**

**Webinar Topics:**

**Monday, 14 June 2021** Webinar 1 - Coordination and follow up session. Provide the opportunity to review the course, share lessons learned

**Wednesday, 16 June 2021** Webinar 2 - Presentation on MHPSS intervention. Understanding the MHPSS interventions process and sequence

**Friday, 18 June 2021** Webinar 3 - Presentation on Self-Care Training: Doing what matters in times of stress



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## Non-communicable Diseases (NCD)

- Non Communicable Diseases ( NCD) treatment kits are ready for shipment to treat 10,000 persons for 3 month.
- The training for the NCD kits was completed on Monday 31st May. A total of 40 health care workers were trained (6 District Medical Officers, 8 Family Nurse Practitioners and 26 Pharmacists).
- PAHO is facilitating transportation for Nutritionists to service antenatals, diabetics, hypertensives and persons with NCDs who are based in public and private shelters.

## Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH)

- Health care facilities for WASH intervention is concluded and awaiting approval from the MoH.
- PAHO will provide guidance on the appropriate methods to remove ash from the roofs of healthcare facilities to prevent damage to solar panels and sensitive rooftop structures.
- On May 20, 2021, the PAHO team visited and conducted WASH assessments in the following 11 health facilities:

GREEN & YELLOW ZONES	ORANGE ZONE	RED ZONE
Biabou HC	South Rivers Clinic	Georgetown Smart Hospital and Modern Medical Diagnostic Centre
Diamond Village HC	Park Hill	Overland Clinic
Colonaire HC	Byera HC	Sandy Bay Clinic
		Owia Clinic
		Fancy Clinic



Chateaubelair Clinic rooftop covered in ash. Picture taken 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Mr. David Latchman

## Health Partner Activities

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- UNFPA has provided guidance tools for distribution of Dignity Kits and strongly advises all partners who are planning on distributing the kits to follow this guidance, as well as global guidelines and minimum standards.
- WFP is supporting PAHO logistics and providing food vouchers, cash transfers to displaced health care workers and vulnerable groups.
- IOM is supporting with providing accommodation for displaced health care workers and assistance in MHPSS.
- UNWOMAN, UNICEF, IOM and IFRC are also helping in MHPSS

## Reference

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1. Saint Vincent and The Grenadines [Ministry of Health Facebook](#)
2. [NEMO Facebook](#)
3. [UWI Seismic Research Unit](#)
4. [CWSA Facebook](#)
5. PAHO [Situation Reports](#) , Donor Alert and MoH VCT updated COVID-19 travel protocol.
6. International Volcanic Health Hazard Network (IVHHN): [a protocol for ash collection](#), [IVHHN ash protection pamphlet](#), [leaflet](#)
7. [Protocol for the Entry of Travelers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines – Revised 06/05/2021](#)

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# ANNEX

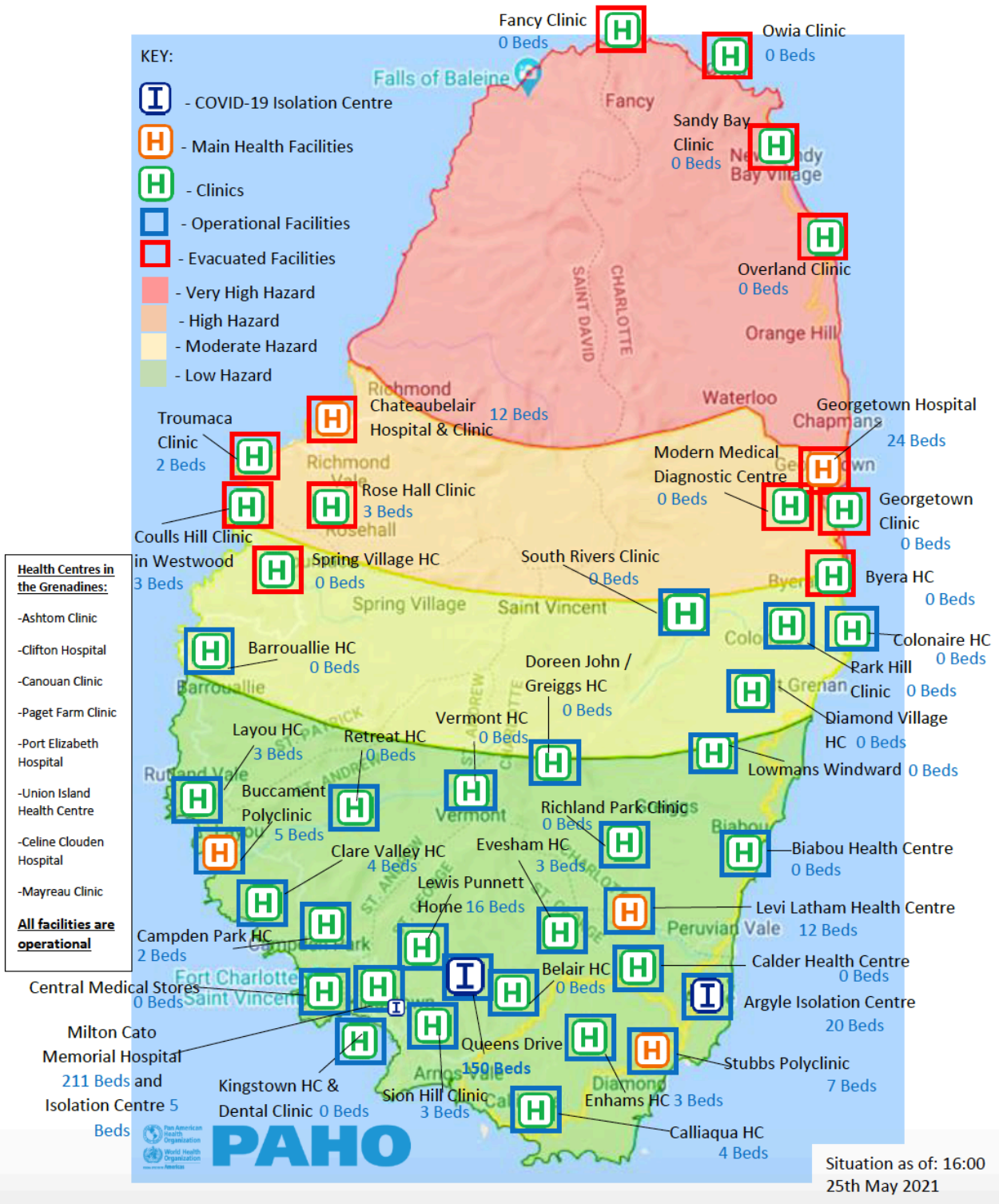


Figure 1. Map showing location of Health Care Facilities

## Tracking Table of Health Needs

PAHO is reviewing the health needs list of the Ministry of Health dated April 18, 2021 and updating the UN/CDEMA tracking excel. The following items have been delivered or are pending delivery by PAHO.

ITEM	QUANTITY	STATUS
Aquatabs	40,000	Delivered to CWSA 24 April 2021
Aquatabs 8.68g	24,480	Delivered to CWSA 24 April 2021
Water testing kits	2	Delivered to CWSA 16 April 2021
Surgical Masks	100,000	Delivered to MoH (50000) and Ministry of Mobilization (50000) for families in shelters on 16 April 2021
Streamline High-Wall Split NC System, DC Inverter 9000 BTU, 2.6KW (Installed) (OM)	4	Purchased VCT (Awaiting installation by vendor)
Streamline High-Wall Split NC System, DC Inverter 24000 BTU, 7.0KW (Installed) (OM)	2	Purchased VCT (Awaiting installation by vendor)
3M Dual Cartridge Respirator (Medium) (C12)	14	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
3M Pre-Filter for 51P71 & 52P71 Respirator (pack of 10)	177	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
3M Half Face Mask W/O Cartridges (EA) (B24)	10	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
3M Multiple Gas Cartridge (Multi-Acid Gas/Organic Vapour) For 6200 1/2 Mask - Pair (B30)	10	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
3M Filter Retainer for 51P71, 52P71, 53P71(B20)	20	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
Face Shield	12,000	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Jerry cans (collapsible)	1,000	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
O2 cylinders	50	Delivered to Milton Cato Memorial Hospital 24 April 2021
Aquatabs 67 mg for 10 liters, box of 1,600 blister x 10 tablets	30	Delivered to CWSA 16 April 2021
Aquatabs 8.68 gr for 1,000 liters, bottle, x60 tablets	100	Delivered to CWSA 16 April 2021
Aquatabs 33 mg for 5 liters, box of 10,000 tablets	15	Delivered to CWSA 16 April 2021
450 Gallon water tanks	10	Delivered to MoH 24 April 2021
Water pumps	10	Delivered to MoH 24 April 2021
Respirator masks dual cartridge	200	Purchased VCT (Pending delivery)
Male urinals	30	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Buckets with covers	125	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Caution tape	15	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Reflective vests	48	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Working gloves	143	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
PCR test kits	10	Delivered to Laboratory 30 April 2021



ITEM	QUANTITY	STATUS
Nitrile gloves	2000	Delivered to Health EOC 30 April 2021
Rainboots (PVC)	50	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Gas masks with 30 filters	15	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Goggles	200	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Helmets	80	Delivered to Health EOC 24 April 2021
Pulse oximeter, portable handheld, plug B	2	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Pulse oximeters - fingertips	32	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Gowns	7520	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Surgical masks	7500	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Face shields	900	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
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