



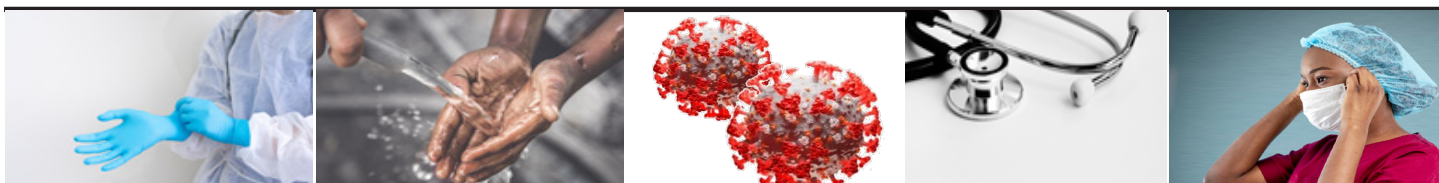
## Situation Overview

- 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** on 6th May 2021, based on recommendation from The University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre (UWI-SRC).
- The centre of Hurricane Elsa passed over the north of mainland St. Vincent on 2nd July 2021. Damage reports included the loss of roofs on 42 homes in Fancy. Thirteen hurricane shelters were activated.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Estimated # of affected persons/evacuees (total displaced)	24,651
# of villages evacuated	30
# of active public shelters	48
# persons in public shelters (government)	2,006
# of adults in public shelters	1,361
# of displaced children (under 18)	645
# evacuated health facilities (1 hospital, 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 (as of June 30, 2021) <sup>1</sup>	92
Total vaccines administered (as of June 30, 2021) - <sup>1</sup>	25,509

## 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	Recoveries	Active Cases
July 01, 2021	2	17	194
July 02, 2021	0	11	183
July 03, 2021	4	87	100
July 04, 2021	5	0	105
July 05, 2021	2	8	99
July 06, 2021	0	7	92
July 07, 2021	0	0	92
July 08, 2021	1	5	88
July 09, 2021	1	5	84

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) continues its campaign to urge 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.
- PAHO continues to support MOH in its vaccination campaign, including through the use of social media and other assistance as requested.
- Hemodialysis services continue to be provided by Evesham Health Centre, as well as at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, and a private facility in the green zone in the immediate term.

## PAHO Response Actions (currently in progress)

### Health Coordination/Logistics/General Assistance



- The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) has facilitated the shipment of one hundred thousand (100,000) face masks to arrive in SVG. The face masks are a humanitarian donation from the German Government via the PAHO/WHO Office for Barbados

and the Eastern Caribbean Countries to MOH and is intended to support SVG in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- PAHO is supporting the MOH through a collaborative effort with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) to establish an Early Warning Alert and Response System (EWARS-in-a-box) to aide in rapidly detecting and responding to outbreaks and other public health events in the shelters, and other areas affected by the volcanic eruption or future disasters. The collection of essential, minimal data on selected diseases and the timely, rapid analysis of trends is key to this activity. PAHO will provide the equipment and a technical expert will arrive in SVG on July 17th, 2021 to conduct training in a joint PAHO/MOH/CARPHA training programme planned for mid-July in SVG. The deployment of EWARS-in-a-box field-based

system will immediately follow. MOH will benefit with real-time reporting and analysis of early warning data related to the emergency. It will also support the more systematic registering of alerts and strengthen the role of rapid response teams in the verification, risk assessment and response.

- Air Quality monitoring project has received MOH approval. The company will send a representative to SVG in August with the equipment conduct the installation and provide support to the local team. PAHO will provide on-the-ground support to this project as necessary. This project will also be duplicated in Barbados to monitor air quality in that location.
- MHPSS work is ongoing. PAHO is supporting two interventions and working with MOH Focal Point:
  - Support mechanism for HCW
  - Identification of referral pathways
- PAHO has budgeted US\$178,000 to support the procurement of equipment to re-establish hemodialysis at the Georgetown Modern Medical Clinic.
  - PAHO to procure 4 dialysis machines, 8 dialysis chairs, and pre-dialysis equipment to operationalize the unit
- PAHO continues to support the MOH is researching solutions for medical/surgical supply management. PAHO is assisting to identify additional temporary and, for the longer term, permanent storage solutions.
- PAHO is providing support, along with UNICEF, through a social media campaign to decrease vaccine hesitancy as part of the MoH Communication
  - Plan to decrease vaccine hesitancy.
- PAHO facilitates the use of the Annex to the H-EOC for coordination of the health response and has supplied the furniture and several appliances.
- The World Food Program (WFP) distribution of cash assistance vouchers has now concluded. Approximately 100 HCW benefitted from this service.
- PAHO has commissioned a videographer to produce three (3) Public Service Announcements (PSAs) 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 for health care facilities and shelters:
  - 3 vehicle wraps for MHPSS
  - 13 COVID-19 posters
  - 23 volcanic ash posters
  - 80 mental health wellness cards
- UNEP representative from PANAMA will support Post Disaster Needs Assessment (Health) conducted by UNDP. The representative arrived in SVG on 6th July, 2021 and will meet with the appropriate MOH staff to collect the necessary information and data. The assessment process and report writing is anticipated to last approximately 8 weeks.

## **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS)**

- PAHO is working with Ministry of Health on the implementation of the proposed MHPSS strategy.
- A mapping exercise to identify MHPSS support provided by supporting organizations was finalized to improve coordination. Report will be shared with MoH and health partners when finalized.
- MHPSS and Psychological First Aid (PFA): PFA is fundamentally about providing humane and compassionate care. It is a primary tool for supporting people after an emergency and is delivered as a community-based strategy.
  - 35 persons participated in the seminars overall. Some persons attended two out of the three sessions. The majority of attendees were from the Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre, the Red Cross and Liberty Lodge
  - The series of webinars is expected to equip community leaders and front line workers who interact with the public during an emergency with the knowledge of PFA; establish a database of persons trained in PFA which will be useful during a major disaster where a coordinated approach to MHPSS is required; and Form part of the preparedness response for the Hurricane Season.

Monday, 14th June 2021, 2:30-3:30pm	Webinar 1. Coordination and follow up session, attended by 34 participants
Wednesday, 16th June 2021, 2:30-3:30pm	Webinar 2. Presentation on MHPSS intervention, attended by 29 participants
Wednesday, 23rd June 2021, 10:00-11:00am	Webinar 3 Presentation on Self-Care Training: Doing what matters in times of stress, attended by 23 participants

## **Non-communicable Diseases (NCD)**

PAHO purchased 3 Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) kits. Each kit is estimated to provide medicines and medical supplies for a population of 10,000 persons for 3 months for the management of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease. The estimated date of delivery is 16th August, 2021 for the first component and PAHO will provide necessary training for MOH.

## **Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH)**

- PAHO team has completed the update to the health care facilities database for WASH. MOH Team identification of priorities for WASH (and backup power) interventions remains outstanding.
- WASH Coordination meeting led by the SVG Public Health team is held each Friday. The location of the meeting moved to Health EOC from 11 June 2021. Meeting received general WASH sector updates from NGO partners. Partners are discussing cleaning operations for returning families, cleaning kits and cash grants.

## **Health Partner Activities**

- 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.
- UNFPA has been providing ongoing technical guidance to the Ministry of Health and the Family Planning Association on provision and access to SRH services and information for the affected populations
- UNFPA supported the Ministry of Health to map the health facilities to emergency shelters. An assessment report was prepared with key recommendations for further action
- UNFPA partnered with the OECS Commission to train 11 key personnel from health, gender, emergency and civil society on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health in emergencies. An Action Plan was developed with key interventions to inform both response and recovery phases.
- UNFPA is supporting strengthening of the health system to provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services as part of the recovery phase
- WFP is supporting PAHO logistics and providing food vouchers, cash transfers to displaced health care workers and vulnerable groups.
- UNWOMAN, UNICEF, IOM and IFRC are also helping in MHPSS
- USAID Representative Doug Mercado made a site visit to SVG, met with health officials and PAHO staff, and visited Evesham Health Facility.





Ms. Nicole Slack-Liburud, PAHO Country Program Specialist accompanies Mr. Doug Mercado to Evesham Health Facility



From left, Mr. Cuthbert Knights, Permanent Secretary, Mr. Doug Mercado, USAID, Mr. Derek Hardy, Logistics Consultant, Mr. Steve Millington, Manager - Central Medical Stores, Mr. Melvin Tebbutt, WASH Consultant, Mr. Neri James, Chief Environmental Health Officer.

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# ANNEX

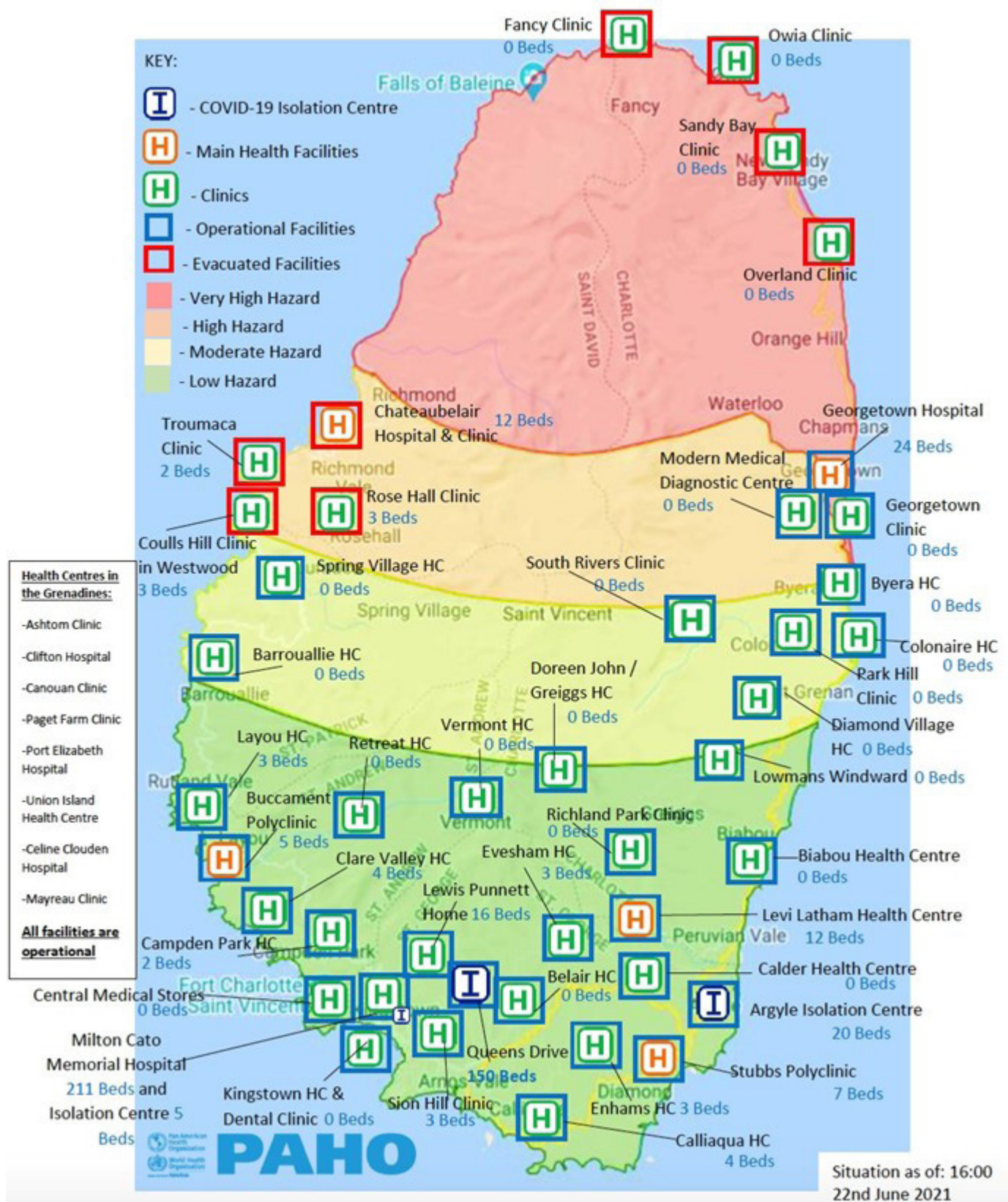


Figure 1. Map showing location of Health Care Facilities



## 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
Nitrile gloves	2,000	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	7,520	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Surgical masks	7,500	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Face shields	900	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Mask Respirators KN95	300	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Gloves examination, latex	15,000	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Respirators face mate	750	Delivered to H-EOC Annex 21 April 2021
Chlorine Test Kits, Model CN66 Hatch Kits	10	Arrived SVG with RFA Wave Knight 11 June 2021
KN95 Respirators	8,000	Arrived SVG with RFA Wave Knight 11 June 2021
Surgical Masks	100,000	Scheduled for arrival in SVG before mid-July 2021