

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - Enhancing disaster resilience of critical infrastructure

### Country

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national  
and priority sector policies and  
investment planning

### Amount Approved

€185,000 / \$200,000

### Duration

07/2023 – 06/2025

### Context and Objectives

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a small state and an upper middle-income island economy that depends primarily on services, mainly related to tourism. On April 9, 2021, La Soufrière volcano started a series of explosive eruptions, impacting the entire island. The economic costs of the volcanic eruption were significant and gross financing needs for recovery were estimated at \$174 million.

This technical assistance project aims to increase understanding of resilient challenges impacting infrastructure investments under the [Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project \(VEEP\)](#) and support the development of resilient designs for investments in water, transport, and agricultural infrastructure.

Activities under this grant build upon previous work undertaken through other EU-funded projects, particularly under the [CRRBF](#) and [ACP-EU NDRR](#) programs.

### Main Activities and Expected Results

#### ***Strengthening the physical resilience of critical sectors and infrastructure services***

Mobilizing expertise for technical studies, assessments and engineering designs, this activity supports the government in the development and implementation of critical infrastructure investments financed under the VEEP.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Enhanced government capacities to plan and implement multi-sectoral resilient infrastructure investments.

#### ***Improve communication and knowledge sharing for enhanced risk informed decision making and coordination***

This activity supports the on-demand development of knowledge products, such as reports, blogs, and multi-media content; the sharing of resilience knowledge and practices with stakeholders; and targeted workshops with relevant ministries and agencies.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Improved institutional knowledge of response and rehabilitation efforts, with strengthened capacity to participate in decision-making processes.



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## **Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, and Information Technology; the Ministry of Transport, Works, Lands, and Physical Planning; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour; and the Ministry of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Youth, Housing, and Informal Human Settlement. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Barbados.

Progress closely complements the VEEP, financed with resources from the World Bank and the European Union.