

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - Enhancing emergency preparedness and response systems

Country

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Operational early warning systems
in targeted ACP regions and
countries

Amount Approved

€90,000 / \$100,000

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 projects aims to enhance emergency preparedness and response (EP&R) systems and facilities, strengthen early warning systems and build the capacities of the National Emergency Management Office.

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

Main Activity and Expected Result

Strengthening EP&R and early warning systems and capacities of the National Emergency Management Office

This activity is improving EP&R and early warning systems via the provision of on-demand support to review, assess and improve national disaster preparedness plans and multi-agency coordination capabilities.

Expected Result:

- Improved infrastructure and systems and improved national disaster preparedness and response capacities.

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 [Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project](#), financed with resources from the World Bank and the European Union, through the CRRBF.