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

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**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 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**


Progress closely complements the Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project, financed with resources from the World Bank and the European Union, through the CRRBF.