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• SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PRIORITY FOR ACTION 2 –
STRENGTHENING DISASTER RISK GOVERNANCE TO MANAGE DISASTER RISK

• ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES’ COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY;

“The Policy Framework emphasizes preparedness on the part of Government, sectors, communities, stakeholders and individuals in targeted CDM activities and aims to strengthen the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO); establishing partnerships, networking and integrating CDM in the development process and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities to cope with the impact of hazards.”

It goes on to say “This Policy Framework, if implemented fully, will provide for a visionary and informed Disaster Management system and support the National Emergency and Disaster Management Act #15, 2006 which provides the legal foundation for collaborative partnerships in the institutional participatory management of disasters, including mobilisation of the essential wide range of resources necessary for such management. Likewise, this Policy Framework provides for continuous research, monitoring and evaluation at all levels.”

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Disaster Plan.
Prepared by the National Emergency Management Office
31-07-2005
HEALTH SECTOR
CDM & DRR - PLANS

HIGHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASES PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

[Document subtitle]

INFECTIONOUS DISEASES

- Tuberculosis
- Cholera
- Malaria
- Typhus
- Measles
- AIDS/IHF

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HEALTH DISASTER MANAGEMENT UNIT - A COMPONENT OF THE HEALTH SECURITY UNIT

STRATEGIC PRIORITY- 2.1

TO STRENGTHEN THE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICES IN THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH

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THE HESS

A MONUMENTAL MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CHALLENGE

THIS MONUMENTAL CHALLENGE OF CORONAVIRUS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES HAS FOUR INTER-RELATED, INTERSECTING DIMENSIONS: HEALTH, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND SECURITY. THESE FOUR DIMENSIONS CRISSCROSS EACH OTHER IN THE GLOBAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ARENAS; AND THEY INTER-CONNECT ACROSS COUNTRIES.

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HEOC ACTIVATION

- Establishment of COVID Task Force
- NEOC Activation
- Clearly Defined Roles and Responsibilities
- Additional Staff, and Equipment to Enhance Remote Operations
- Formalization of HSU
- Development of Protocols
- SR&O
- Public Health Act Amendments
- Health and Safety Law in Place and Enacted
- Medical Court Order Instruments Produced
- Fit for Work Instruments Produced
- Development of Port Health Clearance Tickets
- Testing on Entry

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY-2.2

- TO PROMOTE COUNTRY LEADERSHIP IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTH
  FOSTERING SECTORAL AND INTERSECTORAL WORK

COHERENCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS RELATED TO DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

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April 9, 2021 – Effusive eruptions become explosive eruptions.
COORDINATION, COLLABORATION, PARTNERS, COMMUNICATIONS

- Increased awareness and public information
- 24 hours turnaround time for lab results
- 24-hour operations for lab (3 shifts)
- Increased psychosocial support clients and staff
- Constant retooling of response teams
- Procurement of gear for response teams
- Procurement of vaccines
- Vaccine distribution and administration
- Training, retooling ambulance drivers, morgue attendants, funeral homes
- Stockpiled – 24 rooms with various types of PPE’s, medical equipment, medical and non-medical supplies,
- Established staff sleeping areas at Hedmu
- Development of transition vaccination card
- Establish AEFI system
- Post COVID-19 infection clinic – Long COVID
- Chronic diseases complications post COVID emphasis
- Psychosocial support
- Constant review of protocols
- Development of digital vaccination cards
- Enhanced AEFI system
- Taiwanese emergency response system enhancement
- Global Fund COVID response mechanism
- TMHFT – Refurbishment of the HSU
- CDB COVID response – Transition from response to programmatic; increased port health capacity; enhanced health services
- SVGRC – PPEs, behavior change and infection prevention and control.
- Korean government development cooperation programme

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
And then Hurricane Elsa came
And still we rise stronger from the ashes of COVID-19 and La Soufriere – We Are SVG!