Community Profile and Livelihood Baseline Assesment











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Executive Summary

Pre-disaster information is always a key resource in post disaster response (which includes post disaster assessments). When disaster strikes, it is critical to know how many people are likely to have been affected by the event and how. This requires knowledge of the demographic breakdown of the population and the vulnerability of different people to the disaster. Vulnerability will determine how badly they will be affected, how quickly they can be expected to recover and what kinds of assistance they are likely to need.

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In 2019, the Livelihood Based Assessment and Contingency Planning approach was applied in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to provide pre-disaster livelihood information for eleven communities involved in the Volcano Ready Communities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (VRC in SVG) project.

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Fancy lies within the Sandy Bay Census Division. At the time of 2012 Census, the population of the entire Sandy Bay Census Division was 2,576 persons of whom 1,374 were males and 1,232 females 2,576. In Fancy there was a total of 490 person living in the area of which two hundred and fifty-five (255) persons were male and two hundred and thirty-five (235) female. The male to female ratio was 1.09 representing marginally more males than females and was the same in the wider population 1.09. Fancy is comprised mainly of Afro-Caribbean descent, with just a few Garifuna/Caribs descendant.

Chapter 3 provides an overview of the socio-demographic profile of Fancy as well as its spatial and locational situation. Chapter 4 provides an overview of its governance structure. Chapter 5 presents an economic overview of the community.

Chapter 6 is a profile of the main hazards that impact the community most directly while Chapter 7 outlines the impact of the 2021 volcanic eruption.

In Chapter 8, the outcome of the Livelihood Baseline Assessment is detailed and includes a profile of community livelihoods and resources. The focus is primarily on agricultural livelihoods. Chapter 9 looks at the type of coping strategies that are employed to deal with hazard impacts on agricultural livelihoods.

Chapter 10 outlines the key response typologies and contingency measures that should be put in place in the event of any disaster.

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Acronyms

| BMC | Borrowing Member Countries |
|-----------|---|
| BVI | British Virgin Islands |
| CARDI | Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute |
| CARIFORUM | Caribbean Forum |
| СВО | Community Based Organisation |
| СС | Climate Change |
| CCA | Climate Change Adaptation |
| CCR | Community Climate Resilience |
| CCRIF | Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility |
| CCRS | Community Climate Resilience Specialist |
| CCVA | Community Climate Vulnerability Assessment |
| CD | Census Division |
| CDO | Community Development Organisation |
| CDB | Caribbean Development Bank |
| CDERA | Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| CDRRF | Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund |
| CDS | Community Development Specialist (CDRRF) |
| CDS | Community Development Supervisor (SVG) |
| CES | Community Engagement Survey |
| CEWS | Community Early Warning System |
| CHARIM | Caribbean Handbook on Risk Information Management |
| СР | Community Profile |
| СРА | Country Poverty Assessment |
| CS | Climate Smart |
| CVA | Climate Vulnerability Assessment |
| CWSA | Central Water and Sewerage Authority |
| DDC | District Disaster Committees |
| DaLA | Damage and Loss Assessment |
| DLA | Detailed Livelihood Assessment |
| DRM | Disaster Risk Management |
| DRR | Disaster Risk Reduction |
| ECLAC | Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean |
| ED | Enumeration Division |
| EU | European Union |
| EWS | Early Warning System |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| FGD | Focus Group Discussion |
| FUFC | Fancy United Farmers Cooperative |
| GAD | Gender Affairs Division |
| GBV | Gender Based Violence |
| GEF | Global Environmental Fund |
| GIS | Geographic Information System |

| GOSVG | Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | | | |
|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| GPS | Global Positioning System | | | | |
| нн | Household | | | | |
| HIV/AIDS | Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome | | | | |
| IICA | International Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture | | | | |
| ILIA | Initial Livelihood Impact Assessment | | | | |
| ILO | International Labor Organization | | | | |
| IWCAM | Integrated Watersheds and Coastal Areas Management project | | | | |
| J-CCCP | Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Program | | | | |
| LAS | Livelihood Assessment Specialist | | | | |
| LAT | Livelihood Assessment Toolkit | | | | |
| LBA | Livelihood Baseline Assessment | | | | |
| LGBTQ | Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Trans, Queer | | | | |
| LPG | Liquified Petroleum Gas | | | | |
| M&E | Monitoring and Evaluation | | | | |
| MMI | Modified Mercalli Intensity | | | | |
| MoA | Ministry of Agriculture | | | | |
| MoNM | Ministry of National Mobilisation | | | | |
| NDVI | National Difference Vegetation Index | | | | |
| NEMO | National Emergency Management Organization | | | | |
| NGO | Non-Governmental Organization | | | | |
| NVEP | National Volcanic Emergency Plan | | | | |
| OECS | Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States | | | | |
| PAD | Project Appraisal Document | | | | |
| PM | Project Manager | | | | |
| PVC | Polyvinyl Chloride | | | | |
| RC | Red Cross | | | | |
| RCCVA | Rapid Community Climate Vulnerability Assessment | | | | |
| RDVRP | Regional Disaster Vulnerability and Reduction Project | | | | |
| RR | Risk Reduction | | | | |
| SAP | Social Assistance Programme | | | | |
| SD | Sustainable Development | | | | |
| SDC | Social Development Commission | | | | |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals | | | | |
| SIDS | Small Island Developing States | | | | |
| SMART | Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound | | | | |
| SRC | Seismic Research Centre | | | | |
| STREVA | Strengthening Resilience in Volcanic Areas | | | | |
| SVG | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | | | |
| UN | United Nations | | | | |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund | | | | |
| UNISR | United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction | | | | |
| UWI | University of the West Indies | | | | |
| VCA | Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment | | | | |
| VINLEC | St. Vincent Electricity Company | | | | |
| VRCinSVG | Volcano Ready Communities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | | | |
| VRCP | Volcano Ready Communities Project | | | | |
| WAD | Women's Affairs Division | | | | |
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1.1 THE NEED FOR A LIVELIHOOD BASELINE AND CONTINGENCY PLAN

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In 2019, the Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (CDRRF) of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to introduce Borrowing Member Countries (BMC) in the region to the Livelihood Baseline Assessment (LBA) process which was pioneered by FAO and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The Livelihood Assessment Tool-kit¹ provides welldefined guidelines for the preparation of baselines that can be used to:

- analyse and respond to the impacts of disasters on the livelihoods;
- develop and update contingency plans.

In March 2019, a one-week training and capacity building session was held in Belize and introduced persons from Belize, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the use of the LBA methodology for their own planning purposes.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE LBA PROCESS

The objectives of the LBA approach are:

- a) To make it possible for countries to compare the livelihood context and activities for residents in the communities and local economies before and after a disaster
- b) To establish a robust basis for making estimates of the impact of disasters on livelihoods, in particular vulnerable groups, that can feed into various appeals for aid required for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the sector(s) affected.
- c) To provide a reliable basis for immediate postdisaster assessments including the initial Livelihood Impact Appraisal (Volume 3 of the Toolkit) and the more in-depth detailed Livelihood Assessment of the impact of disasters on livelihoods and identify opportunities and recovery capacities at the local, community and household levels (Volume 4).

1.3 THE LBA PROCESS IN ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Following the February 2019 capacity building, a total of eleven (11) Community Profiles and Livelihood Assessment reports were prepared in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. These communities included:

- 1. Colonaire
- 2. Chateaubelair
- 3. Rose Hall
- 4. Fitz Hughes
- 5. Fancy
- 6. Owia

¹ *The Livelihood Assessment Tool-kit* was published by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation in April 2009.

- 7. Magum and Overland
- 8. Park Hill
- 9. Sandy Bay
- 10. South Rivers and
- 11. Spring Village

This report presents the findings that resulted from the Livelihood Baseline Assessment (LBA) and Community Profile (CP) process that was conducted for the community of *Fancy*, St. Vincent & and the Grenadines.





The Community Profile (CP) and Livelihood Baseline Assessment (LBA) for Fancy was compiled in October 2019 for Fancy using both qualitative and quantitative data collection methods utilizing observation sheets and informal interviews. Prior to this the residents were engaged in an assessment of the community's main livelihoods using a community wide base approach focus group session. This focus group was conducted in April 2019. The assessments included an examination of the hazards that affect the community, the impact of these natural and man-made hazards on livelihoods in the community, as well as existing coping strategies and desired response interventions in the event of a disaster.

For the community profile sections, data were gathered from government reports and data-sets made available to the public.

The LBA component was compiled using the Livelihood Assessment Toolkit developed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and which provided guidelines on documenting the exiting vulnerabilities of each community, the main livelihood activities, the projected impact of various hazards on livelihoods and contingency planning. Community representatives and external stakeholders also provided reviews and validation of the information presented in the document.





- Livelihood profile
- Hazard calendar
- Seasonal calendar
- Coping Strategies Inventory
- Response Typology Matrix

A convenience sample was also utilized to collect data from residents regarding the impact of natural hazards on their livelihoods and coping strategies. Data were collected and analysed using the KOBO Toolbox² application. Responses from the livelihood baseline assessment survey were analysed and presented separately. Data from a Community Engagement Survey (CES) conducted in Fancy in 2018 utilized a sample size of 50 residents was also used to triangulate the findings from the LBA and CP exercise. This data was collected and analysed utilizing Excel and SPSS.



Secondary data were reviewed in order to provide the environmental, social and economic context of the community. Sources reviewed included the 2012 Population and Housing Census, 2007/2008 Survey of Living Conditions and Hazards maps provided by the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) and the Physical Planning Unit.

Additionally, qualitative information was also obtained from both the preliminary Rapid Community Climate Vulnerability Assessment (RCCVA) that was conducted in 2016 and the detailed RCCVA that was completed in 2020.

² KoBo Toolbox is a free open-source tool for mobile data collection. It allows users to collect data in the field using mobile devices such as mobile phones or tablets, as well as with paper or computers.

It allows for faster data collection because data does not need to be transcribed from paper to computers before it can be analysed. Some analyses can be applied within minutes of the data being collected It is more accurate. Enumeration errors are minimised because of the data validation that can occur in real time as data is collected. Transcription errors are entirely eliminated It is optimised for humanitarian work. It also works offline and is easy to use (requires no technical knowledge to manage and enumerators can be trained within minutes. If all else fails, paper forms can be used as a backup and integrated with other data. (Source: https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/sites/www. humanitarianresponse.info/files/documents/files/unhcr_kobo_guidelines_ may2016.pdf)

3 Description of the Community



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Figure 1: Map of the community of Fancy (Source: Google Earth)



Figure 2: Map of the community of Fancy (Source: GIS Unit, Physical Planning Division, Ministry of Transportation, Works, Lands and Physical Planning, Kingstown)



The community of Fancy developed from the original estate that was established there in the early 19th century. Following the closure of the Arrowroot Factory in the mid-1960s, the lands at the Fancy Estate were purchased in 1966/67 at the initiative of the then Chief Minister, E.T. Joshua, with funding from the United Kingdom.



The community of Fancy is traditionally known for its production of Farine (a gluten free cereal made from the root vegetable Cassava). Most Farine is produced in the Fancy Farine Factory (Figure 2). Further, March 14th is celebrated as National Heros' Day. On this day Fancy comes alive with various food festivities and celebrations in honour of local hero Joseph Chatoyer the Garifuna chief who died on March 14th 1795. The community is characterised by strong social cohesion, a strong community spirit and sense of civil consciousness. Cultural traditions and practices are strong with continued practice of swap-labour and a high level of interest in Calypso and other forms of cultural expressions.

Cultural activities are promoted by the school and the Fancy United Farmers' Co-operative (FUFC) which includes the annual National Heroes' Day Festival. Sports are also important in Fancy in spite of inadequate facilities, with Football, Cricket, Netball and Basketball being practiced regularly in the community.

Figure 3: Fancy Farine Factory (Entrance)



Figure 4: LBA's participant standing next to the Copper pot that the Farine is baked in.

Figure 5: Fancy Farmer and co-owner of the Farine Factory selling Farine.





Fancy can be described as a valley since it is surrounded by forested mountains. Some of the other natural resources are farming lands, river, springs and a beach. It is important to note that the main river in Fancy is used as a water catchment to supply water to the community of Fancy, while further down it is used as a recreational park, for relaxation, washing clothes and river fishing.

The community is a farming and fishing community. It consists of seven (7) villages/settlements, namely Soldier Hill, Dry River, Nega House, Farrier, Big Level, Bay Gutter and Cottage.

At present, peanuts, sweet potatoes and eddoes are the main crops produced in the area. Fruits, vegetables and root crops are sold weekly at the Georgetown Market. The forest areas are also used for charcoal production and illegal or "alternative" farming.

Important note: Alternative farming has a significant economic impact on the community and much of the money is invested in local development, especially in housing and education.

Fancy is a coastal community and one of its most abundant resources is the sea and access to the sea. Due to its location in what can be considered the volcano hazard area, its soil is very fertile. As such, another major resource available to the community is the farming lands.

All of the natural resources found within the communities on mainland St. Vincent are located in watersheds. A watershed is defined as the land area that drains to a stream, wetland, lake or sea. It is the sloping land area over which water from rainfall flows downhill to the coast. On mainland St. Vincent there are sixteen (16) watersheds (Figure 6) with forests that protect them. These forests are important to protecting terrestrial biodiversity and marine biodiversity through reduced soil erosion. Four (4) of these watersheds are considered to be the key ones as a result of the contribution they make to the socio-economic development of the country (Figure 7).

Most of the watersheds on St. Vincent run from the centre of the island all the way to the coast and provide 100% of the water supply to the mainland to support our existence in addition to providing habitat for flora and fauna. The flora found in these watersheds include "coconuts breadfruit, bananas and aroids for food, forest species provide homes for birds and other wildlife; others provide stabilization to the land, are used for traditional medicines, fuel, ornamentals, craft and construction purposes" (Lennie. D. Adams 2013). The fauna found in these watersheds include "birds (whistling warblers, parrots, black hawks swift and wren), reptiles (black snakes, lizards and Congo snakes). Others like pigs, cattle, small ruminants, fowls are domesticated and iguanas, tattoo, crustaceans and mullets are hunted and harvested for food (Lennie. D. Adams 2013). The specific numbers of flora and fauna that has been identified on St. Vincent are as follows "more than 1,150 species of flowering plants, 163 species of ferns, 4 species of amphibians, 16 species of reptiles, 111 species of birds, and 15 species of mammals" (Draft SPCR SVG 2011).

Watersheds are therefore very important to the health and well-being of Vincentians. Three (3) of the main areas in a watershed are the streams and lakes, land and coasts. The free fresh water they provide is used to sustain several sectors in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, such as, Water, Tourism, Health, Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy, and Critical Infrastructure. Most of the watersheds are located in forest reserves (see map below). All of the Central Water and Sewage Authority's (CWSAs) catchment areas and the St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited (VINLEC) Hydro-power stations are located in watersheds. Within recent years however, the watersheds have been under threat as a result of climate related events and human actions. In recent years, mudslides resulting from hazard events and also due to increased and poor farming techniques have occurred within the watersheds. Additionally, there continues to be an issue of pollution resulting from the location of pig pens on river banks.

Figure 7: The Sixteen (16) Watersheds of Saint Vincent (Source: GEF-IWCAM, No Date).





Figure 7: Key watersheds and communities in St. Vincent (Source: Forestry Dept. 2005).

The Forestry Department, the National Parks Authority and the CWSA are responsible for managing the forests specifically regarding conservation and protection.

The possibility of the current water supply on the mainland drying up is considered to be quite low; as a result, alternatives such as desalination and drilling for underground water are not given serious consideration.

Over the past ten (10) or more years, attempts have been made to put an integrated water resource management system in place to protect terrestrial and marine ecosystems, with limited success. Additionally, efforts have been made to involve communities in activities such as mapping hotspots in watersheds and monitoring the level of land degradation and water quality (IWCAM 2011). Figure 8: Protected Areas on Mainland St. Vincent (Source: GEF-IWCAM, No Date).



Table 1: Water Statistics for SVG (Source: FAO 2005, GOSVG 2002)

| | M ³ |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Total surface water | 120,000,000 |
| Storage capacity | 5,000,000 |
| Consumption patterns | |
| Government institutions | 1,600,000 |
| Domestic | 5,300,000 |
| Unaccounted for water | 1,800,000 |
| Leakages | 500,000 |

The natural resources found within all of the communities on mainland St. Vincent are in some way or the other linked to the watersheds they are located in. A watershed is defined as the land area that drains to a stream, wetland, lake or sea. It is the sloping land area over which water from rainfall flows downhill to the coast. On mainland St. Vincent, there are sixteen (16) watersheds (Figure 3) with forests that protect them. These forests are important to protecting terrestrial biodiversity and marine biodiversity through reduced soil erosion. Four (4) of these watersheds are considered to be the key ones as a result of the contribution they make to the socio-economic development of the country (see Figure 8).

These key watersheds provide 120,000,000 cu.m/yr. of the country's total surface water to meet the varying demands (see Table 1).

Figure 9: Rainfall Map of the Island of St.Vincent (Source: Joyette, 2006).



Most of the watersheds are located in forest reserves which are protected areas by law (Figure 8). All of the Central Water and Sewage Authority's (CWSAs) catchment areas and the St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited (VINLEC) Hydro-power stations are located in watersheds. Within recent years however, the watersheds have been under threat as a result of climate related events and human actions. In recent years, mudslides resulting from hazard events and also due to increased and poor farming techniques have occurred within the watersheds. Additionally, there continues to be an issue of pollution resulting from the location of pig pens on river banks.

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3.5

LAND USE AND DISTRIBUTION

Figure 10 illustrates that lands in Fancy consists of forests, pastures, cultivated land, and herbaceous agriculture. There is a vast amount of cultivated land south of the main road which traverses through the community. The built-up or residential areas are concentrated mainly in the centre of the community. Figure 10: Land Use and Distribution in Fancy (Source: Westen, C.J. and Sijmons, Koert. 2016).





It's important to note that the community of Fancy falls within the Sandy Bay Census Division as shown in Figure 11.

The population of the Sandy Bay Census Division according to the Population and Housing Census done in 2012 was 2,576 persons comprising of 1,374 males and 1,232 females 2,576. In Fancy there is a total of 490 person living in the area of which two hundred and fifty five (255) males and two hundred and thirty five (235) females. The male to female ratio was 1.09 representing marginally more males than females and was the same in the wider population 1.09. Fancy is comprised mainly of Afro-Caribbean descent, with just a few Garifuna/Caribs descendant. **Figure 11:** Map of mainland St.Vincent by Census Division (*Source: N/A*)



| | | | | 2012 | 2 | | 2001 | | Intercensal Change | | | | | |
|-------|----------|-------------------------------|-----|------|---------|------|------|------|--------------------|------|-----|------|---------|------|
| | | | H/H | Po | pulatio | on | H/H | Рор | ulation | 1 | H/H | Pop | oulatio | n |
| ED # | Old ED # | ED Name | | м | F | т | | м | F | т | | М | F | т |
| 08010 | 08010 | Sandy Bay (1) | 56 | 103 | 138 | 241 | 63 | 135 | 134 | 269 | -10 | -35 | -5 | -40 |
| 08020 | 08020 | Sandy Bay (2) | 75 | 169 | 134 | 303 | 71 | 194 | 160 | 354 | 4 | -25 | -26 | -51 |
| 08030 | 08030 | Sandy Bay (3) | 45 | 108 | 81 | 189 | 48 | 124 | 91 | 215 | -3 | -16 | -10 | -26 |
| 08040 | 08040 | Sandy Bay (4) | 55 | 104 | 108 | 212 | 73 | 187 | 164 | 351 | -18 | -83 | -56 | -139 |
| 08051 | 08051 | Old Sandy Bay and Point | 62 | 119 | 115 | 234 | 56 | 129 | 107 | 236 | 6 | -10 | 8 | -2 |
| 08052 | 08052 | Old Sandy Bay and Owia (1) | 123 | 289 | 258 | 547 | 96 | 264 | 217 | 481 | 27 | 23 | 39 | 62 |
| 08053 | 08053 | Old Sandy Bay and Owia (2) | 96 | 197 | 163 | 360 | 80 | 206 | 184 | 390 | 16 | -9 | -21 | -30 |
| 08060 | 08060 | Fancy | 150 | 255 | 235 | 490 | 135 | 269 | 240 | 509 | 15 | -18 | -7 | -25 |
| TOTAL | | | 662 | 1344 | 1232 | 2576 | 622 | 1508 | 1297 | 2805 | 37 | -173 | -78 | -251 |

 Table 2: Estimated Population in Sandy Bay by Census Division (Source: 2012 Census)

| First Year Age | | Sex | |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 85+ | Male | Female | Total |
| 0 - 4 | 4.28% | 4.40% | 8.67% |
| 5 - 9 | 4.01% | 4.26% | 8.27% |
| 10 - 14 | 5.66% | 4.64% | 10.30% |
| 15 -19 | 4.00% | 4.66% | 8.66% |
| 20 - 24 | 3.49% | 2.76% | 6.25% |
| 25 - 29 | 4.04% | 3.05% | 7.09% |
| 30 - 34 | 4.10% | 3.79% | 7.90% |
| 35 - 39 | 4.16% | 3.43% | 7.58% |
| 40 - 44 | 3.11% | 3.45% | 6.55% |
| 45 - 49 | 3.59% | 2.72% | 6.31% |
| 50 - 54 | 2.73% | 2.45% | 5.17% |
| 55 - 59 | 1.88% | 1.84% | 3.71% |
| 60 - 64 | 1.92% | 1.68% | 3.60% |
| 65 - 69 | 1.64% | 1.77% | 3.41% |
| 70 - 74 | 1.68% | 1.16% | 2.84% |
| 75 - 79 | 0.72% | 0.64% | 1.36% |
| 80 - 84 | 0.36% | 0.71% | 1.07% |
| 85+ | 0.44% | 0.81% | 1.25% |
| Total | 51.78% | 48.22% | 100.00% |

Table 3: Population Distribution by age, Sandy Bay

 Division

Examination of the population of the administrative division Sandy Bay showed that approximately 42.15 of the population was 24 years and under, and children (0-14 years) accounted for 27.24%, while adolescents in the age group (10-14) has the highest percentage in the population that is 10.30%. The elderly population, above 65 years of age, was 9.93% and the percentage of the working age persons (15-64 years) was 62.82%. Age Dependency ratio, which establishes the number of dependents (children and elderly persons) per 100 persons in the working age population (14-65) was calculated at 59.16%, consistent with the dependency ratio across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

3.7 HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Average age of household size in the administrative division of Sandy Bay of which the Fancy is a part, was 3.9 persons per household, comparable to the national average of 3.0 persons per household nationally.

3.8 HOUSEHOLD HEADS

Household heads were 52.04% male and 47.95% female with a male to female ratio of 1.08.

3.9 UNION STATUS

Approximately 22.41% of household heads in the division were married and living with spouse and another 18.17% living in a common law union. While (22.93%) percent were not presently in a union and another 13.58% never had a spouse or common-law partner.

Table 4: Union Status of Household Heads, Sandy Bay Division

| Present Union Status | Counts | Average | % |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| Never had a spouse or common-law partner | 255 | 28.37 | 13.58% |
| Married and living with spouse | 420 | 55.34 | 22.41% |
| Common Law Union | 341 | 39.66 | 18.17% |
| Visiting partner | 403 | 32.24 | 21.50% |
| Not in a Union | 430 | 45.96 | 22.93% |
| Not Stated | 27 | 37.43 | 1.41% |
| Total and Average | 1 874 | 41.46 | 100.00% |

3.10 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

According to data obtain from the LBA using the KOBO Toolbox where a sample of 19 person were interviewed it was disclosed that most residents interviewed attained a minimum primary school education, the figure showed that fourteen (14) achieved a primary school education, while three (3) attended secondary school, one (1) obtained tertiary education and one (1) vocational education.

Primary
Secondary
Tertiary
Vocational

Figure 12: Educational Data of School attended

3.10.1. ENROLLMENT

Fancy has one primary school and one pre-school, they are in both good condition. The primary school is government owned and housed a library. The preschool is part funded by the government and it is fitted with child friendly chats and other learning instruments conducive for pre-schoolers. Further information obtain from Source: Education-Statistical-Digestof-SVG-2017-18 showed that during that period10 students were enrolled in Fancy Pre-school.

The Fancy Preschool and the Fancy Government School are the only educational institutions in the community. For access to secondary education and beyond students journeyed to the nearby community of Sandy Bay.

3.10.2. ACHIEVEMENT

Data from the 2012 Housing and Population Census showed a high completion rates for primary education, for adults 18 and over in the division (80.65%). Completion rates for secondary and tertiary education were much lower at 29.07% and .70% respectively. There were significantly higher levels of achievement among persons in younger age categories. Additionally, there were higher levels of achievement among females than among their male counterparts, particularly in secondary education.

Table 5: Educational Institutions, Sandy Bay Division

| Name of Primary School | Enrolment | Number of Girls | Number of Boys | Number of Teachers | Pupil/ Teacher Ratio |
|---|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Fancy Preschool | 10 | | | 3 | 3 |
| Owia Early Childhood Centre (preschool) | 20 | | | 4 | 5 |
| Fancy Government School (Primary) | 60 | 36 | 24 | 7 | 9 |
| Owia Government School (Primary) | 129 | 60 | 69 | 8 | 16 |
| Sandy Bay Gospel Chapel | 36 | | | 4 | 9 |
| Sandy Pearl Preschool | 22 | | | 4 | 6 |
| Sandy Bay Government School (Primary) | 292 | 143 | 149 | 19 | 15 |
| Sandy Bay Secondary | 245 | 105 | 140 | 20 | 12 |



A Community Profile Assessment conducted by the Ministry of National Mobilization in 2014 suggested that the majority of houses in Fancy are concrete with a few wooden and one (1) shack.

3.12 HEALTH

At Fancy there is one Government clinic. The clinic is a concrete structure, however, because of the location near to sea, it is exposed to "sea blast" thus this caused the erosion of the steal in the window, on the doors and the Air Conditioner Unit. The clinic is staff with a resident staff nurse, a nursing assistant and a community health aid, there is a District Medical Officer who visit the clinic once per week.
 Table 3: Population Distribution by age, Sandy Bay

 Division

| Day | Service | Total |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Monday | Antenatal | YES |
| Tuesday | Doctors Clinic | YES |
| Wednesday | Child Health | YES |
| Thursday | Hypertension & Diabetic | YES |
| Friday | Post Natal | YES |
| Weekend | Emergency Calls | |

Table 7: Percentage of students benefitting from the school feeding programme in primary schools 2017/18.(Source: SVG Educational Statistical Digest 2017/18)

| School | Enrolment | Benefitting | % benefitting |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Fancy Government | 60 | 60 | 100 |

3.12.1. NUTRITION SERVICES (CHILDREN AGE 5+)

For the period 2017/18, 100% of students attending the Fancy Government School benefitted from the services offered by the School Feeding Programme.



Moreover, where sanitation is concern about 90% of the residents have indoor/sewer toilets and 8% have outside/pit latrine and the remaining 2% does not have any toilet at all. Additionally, garbage is collected once per week and there is occasional visit from the Vector Control Unit within the Ministry of Health that patrol the area for vectors.

3.14 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE (CONDITION OF ROADS, BRIDGES, DRAINS; LIGHTING, ETC.)

3.14.1 TRANSPORTATION & ROAD NETWORK

Feedback from the transect walk during the LBA exercise revealed that there is inadequate and unscheduled public transportation to and from the community.

The Community Profile 2014 revealed that the roads and drains were repaired recently, prior to the assessment, therefore, presently, there is a very good concrete and pitch road from Fancy to as far as Owia. However, there is still a bit of dirt roads in the village. Participants from the LBA stated that there is inconsistent electricity supply.

3.15 SOCIAL SERVICES

The various social structures available in Fancy are listed in Table 8.

3.16 CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

The Community Profile that was done in 2014 suggested that crime and violence is not posing any serious threats or concern in the area, however, unemployment is rising rapidly as well as the abuse of drugs and alcohol; particularly in the streets/ public areas. This may very well be as a result of the availability of illegal substances and the unemployment situation. Some complain about praedial larceny and eating of animals by stray dogs.

Table 8: Social Services in Fancy

| Туреѕ | Name of facility | Number | Location | Condition |
|--------------------|--|--------|------------|-----------|
| Cemeteries | Fancy Cemetery | 1 | | Good |
| Churches | Apostolic Faith Mission | 4 | | |
| | Fancy Bethel Baptist Church | | | |
| | International Pentecostal Assemblies | | | |
| | Seventh Day Adventist | | | |
| Community Centre | None | | | |
| Pre-School | Fancy Pre-School | | | Very Good |
| Primary School | Fancy Government School | 1 | Fancy | Good |
| Health Centre | Fancy Clinic | 1 | Fancy | Fair |
| Libraries | Fancy Library | 1 | | Good |
| Parks | Fancy Hard Court | 1 | Fancy | Fair |
| Playing Fields | Fancy Hard Court | 1 | Cumberland | Very Good |
| Police Station | Owia Police Station | 1 | Owia | Fair |
| Heritage/Tour Site | Owia Salt Pond | 2 | Owia | Good |
| | Fancy Unity Farmers' Cooperative Farine House | | Fancy | Good |
| Post Office | Sandy Bay Post Office | 1 | Sandy Bay | Good |



DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

According to the Community Profile 2014 and the LBA, residents identified the following issues as the main challenges impacting the Fancy community.

- 1. High Unemployment/Underemployment
- 2. Inadequate/unscheduled public transportation
- 3. Inconsistent electricity supply
- 4. Poor road surface
- 5. No/too few recreational facilities
- 6. Landslides
- 7. Inadequate market for farm produce and the traffickers profit from trade at the expense of farmers
- 8. Political separation

According to the 2016 RCCVA,the main challenges facing the communities include:

- 1. Marketing of agricultural produce (farmers are primarily dependent on (Traffickers³)
- 2. Land space and tenure access to arable land are limited in most of the proposed communities,
- Pest & amp; Plant disease: Farmers indicated that they had experienced an increase in the frequency of pests and plant disease,
- Drought and heavy rains: Drought was identified as 'silent' stressor while theincreased frequency of heavy rain is a major concern,
- 5. Extension service: Farmers expressed the need for improvement in extensionservices to their communities,
- 6. Quality of seeds and planting material.
- 7. Praedial Larceny,
- 8. Landslides,
- Social cohesion: strong but formal groups are relatively weak.

³ Persons who buy and sell produce for sale within the island and sell to other islands in the OECS.

4 Governance Profile







Constituency: North Windward Parliamentary Representative: Montgomery Daniel (from 2001 to present)



There are six active groups in Fancy.

1. FANCY DISTRICT DISASTER COMMITTEE



President: Ms. Elan Michael

Vision:

Effective and efficient Disaster Committee who delegates and motivates members to meet the needs of the community in the event of a crisis.

Mission:

To promote capacity building to members and mobilize resources that will bring about speedy recovery in times of crisis.

Objectives:

- To increase knowledge and skills in disaster management for members.
- To establish partnership with funding agencies.
- To review and update existing disaster plan.

- 2. FANCY UNITED FARMERS COOP
- **3. FANCY ROTARY**
- 4. FANCY HYPERTENSIVE/ DIABETIC GROUP
- **5. FANCY NETBALL GROUP**
- 6. FANCY FARMERS' GROUP



According to The Fancy Community Engagement Survey (CES) that was done in 2018, the majority of the population (78%) believe that community development is important, however, only 26% play a role in community development through membership in community groups. Residents cited that they did not participate in community groups because:

- No active groups in the areas of interest/ Groups no longer in existence
- Lack of interest
- Insufficient time

5 Economic Profile

According to information gathered from the LBA it was noted that there is a high level of unemployment and high underemployment, Fancy Community Engagement Survey 2018-2019 showed that the unemployment rate is 36%. Further assessment revealed that the main forms of employment or livelihood are farming (crop and livestock) fishing, "tradesmen", tailoring, sailing, housekeeping, public and civil servant and "shop-keeping".



Data gathered from The Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries, etc. indicates that there are one hundred

and sixty (160) farmers registered in the area of Fancy of which eighty-four (84) are males and seventy six (76) are females. Moreover, based on the LBAs conducted from a sample of twenty persons (19) 10% stated that they do fishing as a form of employment/livelihood. This percentage comprised only of males.

5.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Fancy Farmers' Cooperative is the sole financial institution in the community.

Figure 13: Types of employment in Fancy





Figure 14 (below) from the Survey of Living Conditions/Country Poverty Assessment (KAIRI, 2007/2008) shows that Fancy experiences the highest level of poverty ranking in the island.

POVERTY SEVERITY LEVEL POVERTY GAP INDEX **BEORGETOWN** ST VINCENT ST VINCENT COL ONA BIE DEPOUNDE COL ONAIRE BARROUALLE BRID GETON LANCU BRID GET LANOU NUM DISTURBO BEGLEA DE CUEA MISTORE (MUSTOQUE (₽£ **GREWADINES GENADINES** Legend Legend ONCON MACK ME **Poverty Severity Level** PovertyGap 0.3 18-2.9 \$. . 30-3.8 04-0.9 THE WARN BURD 10.37 UNION ISLAND 39.7.5 76-120 38-63 5 10 ٥ 20 Kikmelers 5 10 20 Kitanetics 0 5.4 - 11.8 121-237

Figure 14: Poverty Levels by Census District (Source: Kairi, 2007/2008)

6 Vulnerability and Hazard Profile

St. Vincent is exposed to high levels of risk to meteorological (high wind, extreme rainfall, hurricanes, and drought) and geophysical (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis) hazards, which have significant negative impacts on economic development, fiscal stability, and communities. Some of these natural hazards are being exacerbated by the adverse impacts of climate change, which put increased stress on coastal investments, national infrastructure, water availability, and livelihoods, especially of the poor and vulnerable groups. Of the disasters regularly affecting SVG, hydro-meteorological (hydromet) events occur most frequently and represent a significant source of average annual losses, which from 1996 to 2015 were estimated to be around 1.2 percent of GDP (ranked 16th globally) (Kreft et al. 2015). The trough in December 2013 resulted in extensive physical damage and economic losses estimated at approximately US\$108.4 million (15 percent of GDP). The trough hit at a time when SVG was just showing signs of recovery from the global financial crisis, and the natural disasters exerted further strain on an already challenging fiscal context.

The island of St Vincent lies in the hurricane belt, and is susceptible to both strong windstorms and heavy rains. Two-thirds of the island is forested (FAO, 2010). As noted in the 2013 Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRISF) report on the St Vincent and the Grenadines, the SVG islands are prone to moderate levels of a variety of hazards.

The islands lie towards the southern end of the main Atlantic hurricane belt, although the complex topography can increase the risk for stronger winds, heavy rains and landslides.

The low-lying Grenadines are exposed to storm surge and wave hazards. Earthquake hazards are moderate, but there are significant volcanic hazards from both the Soufrière volcano on St Vincent and from Kick 'Em Jenny in the southern Grenadines, which is also a potential tsunami source. St Vincent and the Grenadines has limited economic diversity, with tourism important in the Grenadines where there is moderate exposure to wave and storm surge hazards.

Since bananas are the main export product from St Vincent, all farming is prone to the impact from high

winds and heavy rain. Landslides commonly hamper communications on the island. Several volcanic eruptions in the past 2 centuries have killed many people and devastated areas in the north of the island. While this report is being finalized, St. Vincent and the Grenadines is experience a series of explosive volcanic eruptions.





Although St Vincent lies quite far south in the Lesser Antilles, hurricanes are still common, and the rugged topography of the island and low-lying nature of the Grenadines makes the impact of even moderate hurricanes potentially serious. Hurricanes Janet (1955), Allen (1980), Hurricane Lenny (1999), and Hurricane Tomas (2010). produced severe hurricane winds (greater than 110 mph) on St Vincent, although damage reports for these events are not available.





The islands are also vulnerable to flash flooding. The steep topography coupled with short (6 km) distances from the coast to the center mountain ridge creates a hydraulic system where stream concentration times are short (nominally 30 minutes). High rainfall, such as rain associated with a thunderstorm, quickly concentrates in stream channels, promoting rapid flooding. In this type of system, early warning of an actual flood event cannot be accomplished by monitoring stream levels because once they rise, it is too late. Any warning would need to be based on rainfall observations to trigger an alert.



6.3 LANDSLIDES, STORM SURGE AND DROUGHT

The Caribbean Handbook on Risk Information Management⁴ (CHARIM) also notes that Landslides, particularly on the larger islands, are a significant hazard and the risk is increased during the seasonal rains. Coastal flooding is a major concern particularly relating to storm surge and high wave action. The Grenadines are more susceptible to drought.

Given its geographic location, small land mass, and topography, the entire nation is highly vulnerable to natural disasters. Because of its volcanic origin, steep slopes dominate the islands' landscape and tilted volcanic layers define the geology and soils (De Graff 1988, cited in Westen, C.J. and Sijmons, Koert. 2016). It has more than 40 rivers and tributaries, which originate in the central mountains and discharge to the Caribbean Sea or the Atlantic Ocean (DLN Consultants 2006). The combination of tropical temperatures and abundant rainfall leads to slope instabilities and the high potential for landslides. In 1988, De Graff produced an analysis of landslide susceptibility (Figure 18) and during the study identified about 475 landslides, covering about 1 percent of the country's surface. The most common type of landslides in SVG are debris avalanches, which are defined as rapid movements of an unconfined mass of soil and rock falls. Depending on the topography, another common type of landslide is debris flow, for which the movement of debris is confined to a channel. In SVG, debris flow is usually associated with river channels in the mountainous sections of the country. Debris flows can travel long distances, particularly when river flooding has occurred. They approach quickly and exhibit a considerable destructive force. Volcanic eruptions have affected the country in 1789, 1812, 1902, 1971, and 1979 and again in 2021. With the on-going eruption of La Soufriere, the combination of rainwater, debris and volcanic ash can form into lahar and can continue to pose as significant risks for months or even years to come.

⁴ <u>http://www.charim.net/stvincent/information</u>

Bio-Physical Characteristic: Ν Soil Erosion Legend Watersheds Soil Erosion None Slight to Moderate Moderate to Severe

Figure 15: Soil erosion map of St. Vincent. (Source; Government of SVG 2011.)

0 1.5

3

6

Kilometers


Figure 16: Landslide Hazard Map – St. Vincent (Source, cited in Joslyn, 2008)



6.4 EARTHQUAKES

An earthquake is the sudden release of stored energy in the earth crust. Most earthquakes occur along a fracture within the earth, called a fault. The shaking caused by this sudden shift is often very small, but occasionally large earthquakes produce very strong ground shaking. It is this strong shaking and its consequences – ground failure, landslides, liquefaction – that results in damaged buildings and structures and often results in negative impacts on the economy. Earthquake magnitude and intensity are measured on two different scales, the Richter Magnitude scale for source magnitude (the amount of energy released by the event) and the Modified Mercalli Intensity⁵ (MMI) scale for the amount of shaking felt at a specific place on the ground.

St Vincent and the Grenadines lie in a relatively quiet zone of the Lesser Antilles island arc. Earthquakes are more common to both the north and south. However, there are four instances of shaking intensity (MMI⁶) at category VII or VIII (potentially damaging) in the past 200 years, although actual damage reports for these events are not readily available (See Figure 17). Prior the current set of eruptions, the last major volcanic eruptions, in 1979 and 1902, produced felt earthquakes as well as more devastating explosions and pyroclastic flows in valleys around the north of the island. Figure 17: Mercalli Intensity Scale Categories (Source: https://alltechinc.blogspot.com/2031/10/understanding-intensity-scale-and-sense.html)

I. Instrumental

Not felt by many people unless in favorable conditions

II. Weak

Felt only by a few people at best, especially on the upper floors of buildings. Delicately suspended objects may swing.

III. Slight

Fell quite noticeably by people indoors, especially on the upper floors of buildings. Many to do not recognise it as an earthquake. Standing motor cars may rock slightly. Vibration similar to the passing of a truck. Duration estimated.

IV. Moderate

Felt indoors by many people, outdoors by a few people during the day. At night, some awakened.

V. Rather Strong

Felt outside by most, may not be felt by some people in non-favourable conditions. Dishes and windows may break and large bells will ring. Vibrations like train passing close to house.

VI. Strong

Felt by all; many frightened and run outdoors, walk unsteadily. Windows, dishes, glassware broken; books fall off shelves; some havy furniture moved or overturned; a few instances of fallen plaster. Damage slight.

VII. Very Strong

Difficult to stand; furniture broken; damage negligible in building of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built orginary structures; considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken. Noticed by people driving motor cars.

VIII. Destructive

Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse. Damage great in poorly builts structures. Fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls. Heavy furniture moved.

IX. Violent

General panic; damage considerable in poorly designed structures, well designed frame structures thrown out of plumb. Damage great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.

X. Intense

Some well build wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundation. Rails bent.

XI. Extreme

Few, if any masonry structures remain standing. Bridges destroyed. Rails bent greatly.

XII. Cataclysmic

Total destruction - everything is destroyed. Lines of sight and level distorted. Objects thrown into the air. The ground moves in waves or ripples. Large amounts of rock move position. Landscape altered, or leveled by several meters. In some cases, even the routes of rivers are changes.

⁵ Modified Mercalli Intensity scale

⁶ Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale developed from Giuseppe Mercalli's Mercalli intensity scale of 1902, is a seismic intensity scale used for measuring the intensity of shaking produced by an earthquake. It measures the effects of an earthquake at a given location, distinguished from the earthquake's inherent force or strength as measured by seismic magnitude scales (such as the "Mw" magnitude usually reported for an earthquake). While shaking is caused by the seismic energy released by an earthquake, earthquakes differ in how much of their energy is radiated as seismic waves. Deeper earthquakes also have less interaction with the surface, and their energy is spread out across a larger volume. Shaking intensity is localized, generally diminishing with distance from the earthquake's epicenter, but can be amplified in sedimentary basins and certain kinds of unconsolidated soils. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</u> Modified_Mercalli_intensity_scale





According to the Seismic Research Center (SRC) of the University of the West Indies (UWI), there are 19 active volcanoes in the Eastern Caribbean with every island from Grenada to Saba directly exposed to volcanic eruption threats. The islands of Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius and Saba have active volcanic centres. On the other hand, non-volcanic islands such as Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, most of the Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago are close to volcanic islands and are also exposed to volcanic hazards such as severe ash fall and volcanically-generated tsunamis.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is located in the southern section of a chain of volcanic islands which comprise the Lesser Antilles. It is an archipelagic State that forms part of the Windward Islands in the Southern part of the Caribbean and is surrounded by St Lucia to the North, Barbados to the East and Grenada to the South. The state covers a total land area of approximately 150.3 square miles (388 sq. km.) and a larger marine area including a shallow coastal shelf encompassing an area of approximately 690 square miles. The main island of Saint Vincent is 28 kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide. (source: SVG National Volcano Emergency Plan, 2021).

Topographically, St. Vincent is mainly defined by a backbone of volcanic mountains that stretch much of its length and rise northwards to an elevation of approximately 1,220 m above mean sea level where the La Soufriere volcano is located. The Soufriere is a strata-volcano, with an open summit crater of 1.6 km in diameter. Volcanologists have noted that volcanic activity can be quiet and effusive or violent and explosive, and the length of time that an eruptive episode persists can vary from a few minutes to weeks, months or even decades (source: SVG National Volcano Emergency Plan, 2021).

Figure 18 shows the various volcanic hazard zones for the whole island of St. Vincent and shows that Fancy which is in the Sandy Bay Census Division, is in the Red Zone.

In 1994, Robertson described volcanic vulnerability as a "measure of the susceptibility to loss expected due to a particular volcanic event. It is a measure of the possible magnitude of losses expected from a particular volcanic event (UNDRO, 1982)". Alexander (1991, cited in Robertson 1994), presented a conceptual equation for vulnerability in which it is a function of four factors:

- risk amplification (results of bad construction practice);
- risk mitigation (due to good construction practice);
- risk perception and an indirect cultural factor.

The Soufrière volcano, whose steep sides, poorlyconsolidated bedrock and incised ravines (or 'gutters', Nanton, 2017, cited in Pyle, et.al. 2018) present a suite of ongoing hazards during periods of both quiescence and unrest (e.g. from sediment-charged flash floods and landslides).



Figure 18: Volcanic Hazard Zones (Source: NEMO 2021)

As described by Pyle et.al., (2018), the summit of the Soufrière comprises a complex of intersecting craters of different ages, suggesting that it has experienced repeated eruptions during its history, most recently in 2021. In addition to 2021 activity, there have been at least five eruptions since 1718, which mean that St Vincent is – by this measure – the most active subaerial volcano in the Caribbean. Eruptions over the past 300 years have occurred against the backdrop of an evolving social, economic and political environment.

According to Robertson (1994), throughout its recorded history (post-1718), the Soufriere volcano has exhibited two contrasting styles of activity, a quiet, effusive versus a violent explosive style. Examination of the stratigraphy suggest that activity during the pre-historic period varied only slightly, with one major period of very cataclysmic Plinian type activity (Rowley, 1978a; Sigurdsson, 1981; Robertson, 1992 – cited in Roberston, 1994).

6.5.1. DIFFERENT TYPES OF VOLCANIC HAZARDS

The 2021 draft St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Volcano Emergency Plan and Standard Operating Procedures identifies the different types of primary volcanic hazards as follows:

- Pyroclastic flows and surges from dome collapses
- Pyroclastic flows and surges from the collapse of the crater walls
- Pyroclastic flows and surges from explosive column collapse
- Lateral Blasts Explosions with ash and rock fallout
- Mudflows or Lahars

| Human and natural resource affected | Costs (USD) |
|--|----------------------------|
| Maintenance of evacuees housed in evacuation camps | 39,507 per day |
| Maintenance of evacuees housed outside evacutation camps | 5,269 per day |
| Operation of public transport involved in the evacuation exercise | 3,160 |
| Rehabilitation of schools, community centres and churce buildings used as evacuation camps | 79,013 |
| Repairs to the national housing stock | 2,130,069 |
| Repairs to the national road network | 4,213,994 |
| Rehabilitation of agriculture | 2,129,646 |
| Damage to the main crop (bananas) | 50-60% loss of entire crop |

Table 9: Effect of the 1979 volcanic eruption on some aspects of the human and natural resources of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. (Source: Robertson 1994)

Table 10 presents these hazards and the types of impacts they can be expected to cause.

| Hazard | Area Affected (Radial distance from vent, km) | Immediate Risk | Ongoing Risk | Anticipated Loss | Mitigation | Recovery Period following Cessation of Activitty |
|--|--|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| Earthquake* | 5-8km | Low | Low | Small | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Lava flows and domes* | 1-3km | High | Low | High | Moderate | Several months to years |
| Pyroclastic flows and surges* | 5-7km | High | High | Extreme | None | Several weeks to several months |
| Mudflows* | 5.10km | High | High | High | None | Several weeks to several months |
| Ballistic projectiles* | 1-5km | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Minor | 1 week to several months |
| Airfall Tephra* | 1 to >10km | Moderate | Moderate | Low to Moderate | Moderate | 1 week to several months |
| Volcanic gases | 1-3km | Moderate | Moderate | Low | Minor to Moderate | Not applicable |
| Phreatic explosions | <4km | Moderate | Low | Low | None | Several weeks to several months |
| Landslides* | 5-8km | Moderate | High | Moderate | | Several weeks to several months |
| Laterally directed blasts and structural collapse | 5-8km | Low | Low | High | | Several weeks to several months |
| Lightning* | <7km | Low | Low | Low | None | Days to weeks |
| Tsunami | 5 to >10km | Low | Low | Low | Moderate | Up to 1 – 2 days |

Table 10: La Soufriere Volcano Impact Matrix (Source: NEMO 2021)

*Events which are likely to be repeated over a period of time (days, weeks to months) following the initial event

The secondary volcanic hazards are:

- Ruptured water lines which can lead to flooding.
- Fires
- Contamination of water supply
- Respiratory ailments due to dust
- Visibility issues due to dust
- Ash clouds can contribute to airport closures.

Volcanic threats to livelihoods include:

- Livestock farming
- Arable farming
- Traditional farming
- Nature tourism (Waterfalls, Ecology)
- Beekeeping
- Major impact to critical facilities such as healthcare
- Major impact to factories and small businesses
- Fishing industry (Restricted access to sea, damage to jetties and inability to access fish storage locations)

Prior to the 2021 eruption, Roberston (1994) suggested that the 1979 eruption already had huge impact on human and economic life and forced major adaptation in the patterns of human life and activity on the island of St. Vincent. But he also noted that population growth and increasingly limited options means that people would continue to live in and develop areas of high risk from eruptions at the Soufriere volcano. "Future volcanic eruptions should therefore be expected to have a greater effect socially, than has been the case in the past," Robertson suggested.

The social impact of past eruptions, such as the 1979 eruption, have varied from disruption of family life due to evacuation and relocation, to migration of entire families to foreign countries. In addition, mental and emotional stress was placed upon the evacuated population who were accustomed to more expansive personal space. The social impacts have varied from disruption of family life due to evacuation and relocation, to migration of entire families to foreign countries. In addition, mental and emotional stress was placed upon the evacuated population who were accustomed to more expansive personal space.

Fortunately, even prior to the 2021 eruption, as Robertson noted in 1994, "the Soufriere volcano features prominently in the minds of most Vincentians" The degree to which this affects their actions varies largely with their economic status, recollection of past events, proximity to the volcano and knowledge of volcanic processes. The manner in which the volcanic threat is perceived is well illustrated by the fact that during all of the historic eruptions, people living within the areas of highest risk (north of the Rabacca and Wallibou rivers), begun moving away from the volcano prior to any formal evacuation exercise ordered by the governing authorities.

In 2021, the Soufriere volcano erupted once again. The impacts, damages and losses are discussed in the next section on vulnerability and risk.

6.6 HAZARD VULNERABILITY PROFILE OF FANCY

A hazard is defined as a potentially damaging physical event, phenomenon or human activity that may cause the loss of life or injury, property damage, social and economic disruption or environmental degradation. Fancy has several environmental challenges that continue to be a daily threat to the natural assets of the community. If these are not urgently addressed, they will continue to negatively affect the environment within the community. Some of the environmental challenges that Fancy face are landslides, flooding, hurricanes, droughts, pests and diseases, too, farmers also shared that they are prone to predators, stray dogs in particular, that would eat their animals.

Fancy is also located squarely in the La Soufriere Volcano Hazard Zone as well as being located in the severe zone for Landslide Hazards (see Figures 15 and 16 above). The community recognized this as a major threat even prior to the 2021 eruption.

Hurricanes, flooding, landslides, droughts, pests and diseases, predators and volcanic eruption were all listed as the main hazards affecting the community of Fancy. Hurricane was identified as the main hazard; however, residents identified the 2013 Christmas flood as very severe as there were loss of homes, damage to property, livestock and produce. Figure 19: Damage Done to the old "Farine Factory" from Hurricane Tomas in 2013



Table 12: Fancy Hazard Matrix

| Hazard | Year | Location | Economic and Financial Losses (1-5) | Number of persons affected (1-5) | Overall Impact on lives and livelihoods |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Hurricanes • Ivan • Tomas | 3- 6 Yearly | Cottage | 3 | 5 | High (utilities) |
| Flooding | 2013 1 – 60 years | Negga House | 3 | 3 | Medium |
| Landslides | Yearly | Cottage Soldier Hill Dry River | 5 | 5 | High |
| Droughts | Yearly | Entire community | 5 | 5 | High |
| Pest, bugs & diseases | 1 – 5 years | Entire community | 5 | 5 | High |
| Predators | Yearly | Entire community | 5 | 5 | High |
| Volcano | 1971 to 1979 | Entire Community | 5 | 5 | High |

1 minor ----- 5 extreme

Figure 20: Vulnerability by Census Division (Kairi, 2007/2008)



5.7 VOLCANO READY PROJECT AND REDUCING VULNERABILITY

The Volcano-ready Communities Project in St. Vincent, which is financed by the CDRRF and is being implemented by the Seismic Research Centre (SRC), University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. This project seeks to reduce vulnerability to the multi-hazard environment of the Soufriere Volcano through a combination of activities designed to enhance community early warning procedures, increase adaptive capacities, strengthen awareness, and enhance response capacities. The Project comprises four components which seek to increase the resilience of the 12 communities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to volcanic and other natural hazard events and climate change. The communities have been grouped into two and they are (a) Windward communities comprising Fancy, Owia, Sandy Bay, Overland and Big Level, South Rivers, Park Hill, Colonaire, and (b) Leeward communities comprising Fitz Hughes, Chateaubelair, Rose Hall, and Spring Village.

The project consists of three (3) main components:

Component 1

Increased Community Volcano and Other Natural Hazard Readiness;

Component 2

Increased Knowledge and Awareness of Volcano and Multi-Hazards Risk Reduction and Climate Change Impacts in the Beneficiary Communities; and

Component 3

Enhanced Adaptive Capacity. A fourth component covers project management and administration.CDRRF Volcano Ready Project

The proposed project is a solid example of effective partnership engagement and coordination. Strong partnerships with Red Cross and Community Development are particularly worth noting. Even though the initial consultation with the communities was over a year ago, all the communities visited during the Rapid Community Climate Vulnerability Assessment (RCCVA) mission were aware and in support of the proposed initiative.

It was evident that NEMO has a strong working relationship with the proposed communities and a detailed understanding of the social and environmental challenges. Relationships with a broad range of stakeholders in government, civil society, and the private sector ensure a holistic approach to the implementation of the project. This collaborative approach will also facilitate the sharing of knowledge and skills which could lead to greater impacts.

To also seek to effectively incorporate climate change in the proposed initiative, it will be important to broaden the focus from the volcanic hazards to the "volcanic environment" in general. In other words, to determine how the presence of the volcano creates other hazards that can interact with or be exacerbated by climate-related hazards. For example, due to the steep slopes, landslides and rates of flooding could increase under future changes in climate. The focus should be on building general resilience of the targeted communities rather than trying to build resilience to a specific hazard. The rationale is that increasing the resilience of particular parts of a community to specific disturbances may result in resilience lost in other ways.

6.7.1. FINDINGS FROM THE 2016 RAPID COMMUNITY CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT (RCCVA)

During the focus group discussions (FGD) held in September 2016 across the Volcano Ready Communities, the participants identified agriculture as the most predominant livelihood activity in their communities. Problems were identified such as poor access to markets that limit income security at all times, and thereby undermine resilience in the face of hazards. Unemployment and constrained livelihood opportunities in the north of the island are therefore accentuating underlying vulnerability to disasters. Addressing the high level of uncertainty and problems related to agriculture will be key to resilience-building efforts at the community level. Other livelihoods are also under pressure as unemployment is widespread in these communities.



6.7.1.1. Finding 1

The consensus from the focus group discussions is that disaster impacts generally affect women more or in a worse way. In Fancy, the female farmers have organized themselves into a group (Fancy Ladies) to offset negative impacts on their livelihoods. Women are particularly involved with livestock production (sheep, goats, pigs). It will be important to consider these gender dynamics during the implementation of the project.



6.7.1.2. Finding 2

While La Soufriere Volcano is a hazard that can have a direct impact on the entire island as well as in the neighbouring islands, the proposed communities are also exposed to floods, hurricanes, droughts, landslides and coastal erosion. These are also major concerns. The most recurrent events are hurricanes and tropical storms. Given the island's topography, the types of construction and the places where these have been built, frequently in unstable hill areas, rain and wind often cause severe damages to buildings, infrastructure and agriculture. Landslide is also a major challenge facing the communities due to the steep topography, friable soils, and localized rainfall events. The situation is amplified in some areas by poor construction and land management practices which often lead to increased sedimentation and degradation of the marine environment. The proposed multi-hazard approach will ensure that a holistic approach is taken to reduce exposure to multiple stressors and shocks.



6.7.1.3. Finding 3

During the focus group discussions, the participants indicated the use of savings as the most typical coping strategy. Strong support from community members was also cited as a key coping strategy. The recovery process, or what people do after a hazardous event has impacted their household, seems to be based on a combination of factors: continuing with daily routines and activities, accessing assistance from the state, and using their savings or relying on their families and friends. The fact that the island is prone to the impact of multiple hazards means that recovering is made more difficult by the possibility that another hazard might impact soon after. For example, after the eruption in 1979, Hurricane Allan struck the island in 1980 and caused a lot of damage to crops that had been recently planted. Other problems, such as plant disease also impact farmers.



6.7.1.4. Finding 4

The main challenges facing the communities include:

- Marketing of agricultural produce (farmers are primarily dependent on Traffickers⁷)
- Land space and tenure access to arable land are
 limited in most of the proposed communities
- Pest & Plant disease: Farmers indicated that they had experienced an increase in the frequency of pests and plant disease
- Drought and heavy rains: Drought was identified as 'silent' stressor while the increased frequency of heavy rain is a major concern
- Extension service: Farmers expressed the need for improvement in extension services to their communities
- Quality of seeds and planting material:
- Praedial Larceny
- Landslides
- Social cohesion: strong but formal groups are relatively weak



6.7.1.5. Finding 5

The success of the Community Early Warning Systems (CEWS) will be dependent on the strength of the community groups. While groups exist in most of the proposed communities, their capacities are limited and will need strengthening to effectively support the implementation. Of particular importance will be the building of awareness of local income-generating opportunities. In general, the communities are not sufficiently informed about national plans for coping with geologic hazards and do not have adequate resources, training and information with which to mitigate their impact. Building community adaptive capacity to volcanic eruptions can be challenging. The indicators and outcomes should be revised to focus on the volcanic environment in general and to capture and address the multi-hazard risks facing the targeted communities.

⁷ Traffickers" are not to be confused with illegal trafficking. This term is the popular term to define persons who are legally allowed to buy and sell produce. In other countries, they are sometimes referred to as "higglers".

7 The 2021 Volcanic Eruption

In December, 2020, the La Soufriere Volcano became active once again and on April 9th 2021 it erupted explosively.

The explosive volcanic activity prompted mass evacuation of persons from communities in the red and orange zones (Figure 18) – the northeast and northwest of the island. Numerous farmers were been displaced from their communities and relocated to southern communities.

Late in April 2021, once the eruptions had subsided enough for Damage and Loss Assessments Teams (DaLAT) to formed and assessments to be conducted of the infrastructure and crop damage, Detailed Agriculture Damage Assessment (DADA) reports were prepared. This LBA report includes the data and information that were collected from these preliminary reports.

The Eruption precipitated a mass evacuation from communities in the northeast and northwest of the country with over 13,000 persons moving from the hazard zones to public and private dwelling within the safer zones in the south of the country. Numerous farmers have been displaced from their communities and relocated to southern communities in the process. Extensive acreages of crops have been lost or damaged as a direct and or indirect consequence of the eruptions or from secondary reasons related to the abandonment of the crops and free roaming animals let loose by farmers before they evacuated.

The eruptions both directly and indirectly affected agriculture, forestry, fishing and agriculture infrastructure throughout the country resulting in damages and losses ranging from as low as 7% in the Green Zone to 100% in a substantial number of commodities in the Red and Orange Zones.

Table 16 summarizes the estimated damage and loss by sectors. However, the Damage and Loss Assessment Team have suggested that while their preliminary report estimated a loss of \$54,000,000 (USD \$20,000,000) in general agriculture infrastructure, "the full extent of the damage and loss will need to be comprehensively assessed and may result in much higher estimates."

With respect to the livestock sector, the damage and loss was initially estimated to be low as farmers were advised to let their animals loose. However, "with the limited availability of feed and water in a highly ash contaminated environment, the prediction was that indirect losses in animals will increase ranging from 10 to 30 percent due to health and other complications." Overall, the preliminary DaLA report indicates the estimated value of total damage and loss sustained by the crops, livestock, apiculture, fisheries and forestry sectors is \$142,628,402.00.

A further cropland damage assessment done on April 26 2021 by Ghosh et.al., and employed Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)⁸ analysis to assess the magnitude of ash damage to crop and vegetative cover and found that the changes in NDVI values are much higher in the surrounding areas of the volcano.

⁸ Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) "quantifies vegetation by measuring the difference between near-infrared (which vegetation strongly reflects) and red light (which vegetation absorbs) https:// gisgeography.com/ndvi-normalized-difference-vegetation-index/

Table 13: Crop Damage and Loss Assessment

| Стор туре | Acrea ge in production | Yield/s cre (lbs) | Expected Yield (Lbs) | Estimated Damage (acreage) | Costof Production/ acre | Estimated total Value of damage | Farm gate price/Lb | Total Value of Losses | Estimated total Damage and Loss EC\$ | Estimated total Damage and Loss US\$ |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Arrowroot | 98 | 9,000 | 882,000 | 98 | \$5,700.00 | \$558,600,00 | \$1.00 | \$\$\$ 2 000 00 | 1.440.600.00 | 533,555,56 |
| Asparagus | 5 | 8,000 | 40,000 | 0.2 | \$3,705.00 | \$741.00 | \$10.00 | \$16,000,00 | 16,741.00 | 6,200.37 |
| Beet | 1.5 | 4,000 | 6,000 | 0.5 | \$4 268 00 | \$2,134.00 | \$1.00 | \$2 000 00 | 4.134.00 | 1.531.11 |
| Broccolli | 1.5 | 7,000 | 10,500 | 1 | \$7.245.00 | \$7,245.00 | \$4.00 | \$28,000.00 | 35.245.00 | 13.053.70 |
| Cabbage | 20 | 12,000 | 240,000 | 12 | \$7,065.00 | \$\$4,780.00 | \$2.00 | \$288,000.00 | 372,780.00 | 138.066.67 |
| Carrols | 60 | 8,000 | 480,000 | 54 | \$7,685.00 | \$414,990.00 | \$2.50 | \$1,080,000.00 | 1.494.990.00 | 553,700.00 |
| Cassava | 80 | 25,000 | 2,000,000 | 68 | \$7.532.00 | \$512,176.00 | \$0.90 | \$1,530,000.00 | 2.042.176.00 | 756.361.48 |
| Cauliflower | 11 | 9,000 | 99,000 | ь | \$6.885.00 | \$41,310.00 | \$6.00 | \$324.000.00 | 365,310.00 | 135,300.00 |
| Chico | 3 | 6,000 | 18,000 | 3 | \$6.073.00 | \$18,219,00 | \$3.25 | \$58,500.00 | 76,719.00 | 28,414,44 |
| Carr | 00 | 8,000 | 528,000 | 39 | \$\$.054.00 | \$475,186.00 | \$1.75 | \$\$26,000.00 | 1.301.186.00 | 481.920.74 |
| Cocumber | 40 | 12,000 | 576,000 | 25 | \$4,783.00 | \$33,481.00 | \$1.50 | \$126,000,00 | 159,481.00 | 59.067.04 |
| Dasheen | 35 | 14,000 | 5500.000 | 35 | \$6.336.00 | \$221.760.00 | \$1.00 | \$630,000,00 | 851.760.00 | 315,400.07 |
| Eddaes | 400 | 11,000 | 5,000,000 | 100 | \$4,166,00 | \$410,000.00 | 50.80 | \$1,120,000,00 | 1,530,000.00 | 209,111.11 |
| Ecologiant | 6 | 15,000 | 90,000 | | \$6,953,00 | \$11,118,00 | \$2.00 | \$150,000,00 | 2003.000.00 | 91 905 56 |
| Flavour nenner | 8 | 15,000 | 120,000 | 1 | \$0.312.00 | \$9,342,00 | \$2.00 | \$37,500,00 | 16 \$12.00 | 17 349 90 |
| Ginger | 120 | 20.000 | 2 400 000 | 11 | 69 330 00 | \$91,542,00 | \$2.00 | 266.0.000.00 | 751 520 00 | 279 240 74 |
| Hot Pepper | 5 | 15.000 | 75.000 | 1.5 | \$5,020,00 | \$13 393 00 | \$3.00 | \$67,500,00 | \$0,553,00 | 210.040.14 |
| Lettuce | 8 | 3.000 | 24.000 | 8 | \$7.71.2.00 | \$61,696,00 | \$3.50 | \$51,000,00 | 145 696 00 | 53.961.48 |
| Melons | 8 | 20.000 | 160.000 | 8 | \$5.416.00 | \$51,328,00 | \$3.00 | \$150,000,00 | 531 328 00 | 196 788 15 |
| Ochro | 12 | 6,000 | 72,000 | 1 | \$5 20 6 00 | \$5 206 00 | \$2.00 | \$12,000,00 | 17 206 0.0 | 6 372 59 |
| Parsley | 2 | 4,000 | 8,000 | 2 | \$6 277 00 | \$12 554 00 | \$6.75 | \$54,000,00 | 66 554 0.0 | 24 649 63 |
| Pak-choi | 3 | 12,000 | 36,000 | 3 | \$5,955,00 | \$17,865,00 | \$2.00 | \$72,000,00 | \$9,865.0.0 | 33 283 33 |
| Peanut | 32 | 3,000 | 96,000 | 22 | \$5 52 5 00 | \$121 550 00 | \$\$ 00 | \$52.8.000.00 | 649 550 00 | 240 574 07 |
| Pigeons Peas | 20 | 10,000 | 200,000 | 14 | \$1914.00 | \$68 796 00 | \$7.00 | \$95.0.000.00 | 1 048 796 0.0 | 388 447 96 |
| Pu mpkin s | 13 | 10,000 | 130,000 | 13 | \$5,039,00 | \$65,507,00 | \$1.00 | \$130,000,00 | 195,507.00 | 72,410.00 |
| Radish | 1 | 8,000 | 4,000 | 0.5 | \$4,268.00 | \$2,134.00 | \$3,50 | \$14,000,00 | 16,134,00 | 5,975,56 |
| Sarrel | 8 | 5,000 | 40,000 | 6 | \$5,198,00 | \$31,188,00 | \$3.00 | \$90,000,00 | 121 188.00 | 44,884,44 |
| Squash | 5 | 15,000 | 75,000 | 5 | \$5,303,00 | \$26,515,00 | \$3,16 | \$237,000.00 | 263,515,00 | 97,598,15 |
| String Beans | 8 | 5,000 | 40,000 | 4 | \$4,478,00 | \$17,912.00 | \$2.20 | \$44,000,00 | 61,912,00 | 22,930,37 |
| Sweet Pepper | 55 | 7,000 | 385,000 | 33 | \$5,683.00 | \$187,539,00 | \$4.00 | \$92.4.000.00 | 1.111.539.00 | 411.681.11 |
| S Potatoes | 100 | 8,000 | 800,000 | 80 | \$2,965.00 | \$237,200.00 | \$1.50 | \$960.000.00 | 1.197.200.00 | 443,407,41 |
| Tannia | 150 | 9,000 | 1,350,000 | 45 | \$5,983.00 | \$269,235.00 | \$2,50 | \$1,012,500.00 | 1.281.735.00 | 474.716.67 |
| Tomatocs | 73 | 15,000 | 1,095,000 | 66 | \$11,417,00 | \$753.522.00 | \$3.00 | \$2,970,000,00 | 3.723.522.00 | 1.379.082.22 |
| Turm cric | 8 | 34,000 | 272,000 | 4 | \$10.043.00 | \$40,172.00 | \$1.50 | \$204.000.00 | 244.172.00 | 90,434.07 |
| Water Melons | 15 | 20,000 | 300,000 | 15 | \$6,416.00 | \$96,240,00 | \$2.20 | \$66 0.000.00 | 756.240.00 | 280.088.89 |
| Other Yam | 8 | 12,000 | 96,000 | 7 | \$7 \$83 00 | \$55,181.00 | \$4.00 | \$336,000,00 | 391.181.00 | 144.881.85 |
| PYam | 40 | 8,000 | 320,000 | 36 | \$9,879.00 | \$355,644.00 | \$4.00 | \$1,152,000.00 | 1.507.644.00 | 558.386.67 |
| White Yam | 110 | 12,000 | 1,320,000 | 99 | \$7,883.00 | \$780,417.00 | \$4.00 | \$4,752,000.00 | 5.532,417.00 | 2.049.043.33 |
| Yellow Yam | 8 | 8,000 | 64,000 | 7 | \$\$,159.00 | \$57,113.00 | \$4.00 | \$224,000.00 | 281.113.00 | 104.115.93 |
| Avocado | 123 | 9,000 | 1,104,000 | 49 | \$2,209.00 | \$108.241.00 | \$0.80 | \$705.600.00 | \$13.841.00 | 301.422.59 |
| Banana | 593 | 20,000 | 11,854,800 | 534 | \$11,340.00 | \$6,055,560.00 | \$0.92 | \$9,825,600.00 | 15.881.160.00 | 5.881.911.11 |
| Breadfru it | 137 | 24,500 | 3,352,000 | 55 | \$1,889.00 | \$103,895.00 | \$2.00 | \$5,390,000.00 | 5.493.895.00 | 2.034.775.93 |
| Breadmut | 14 | 15,000 | 211,800 | 6 | \$1,889.00 | \$11.334.00 | \$3.00 | \$540.000.00 | 551.334.00 | 204.197.78 |
| Carambola | 15 | 9,000 | 135,000 | 6 | \$2,268.00 | \$13,608.00 | \$2.00 | \$216.000.00 | 229,608.00 | 85.040.00 |
| Christophene | 12 | 2,000 | 24,000 | 6 | \$2,851.00 | \$17,106.00 | \$1.96 | \$23,520,00 | 40.626.00 | 15.046.67 |
| Carro | 4 | 8,000 | 28,000 | 1 | \$1,900.00 | \$1,900.00 | \$25.00 | \$40.000.00 | 401,900.00 | 148.851.85 |
| Contra | 540 | 5,000 | 2,700,000 | 405 | \$2,500.00 | \$1,012,500.00 | \$1.50 | \$6.075.000.00 | 7,087,500.00 | 2,625,000.00 |
| Colden anala | 1500 | 15,000 | 22,500,000 | 1350 | \$1.689.00 | \$2,280,150,00 | \$0.50 | \$20,250,000,00 | 22.530.150.00 | 8.344.500.00 |
| Granefruit | 10 | 20,000 | 2,437,000 | | \$2,209,00 | \$37,223.00 | \$1.00 | \$/14,000.00 | 751,553,00 | 218.352.96 |
| Guava | 24 | 24,000 | 575,000 | | \$2.028.00 | \$2.028.00 | \$1.00 | \$40,000,00 | 42.028.00 | 12.202.93 |
| Ja inhee | 24 | 24,000 | 112 595 | | \$2.099.00 | \$10,495,00 | \$1.00 | \$240,000,00 | 250,495.00 | 92.775.93 |
| Lemon | | 18.500 | 82 949 | 0.5 | \$7,208,00 | 30,304,00 | \$3,00 | 5452.000.00 | 438,804,00 | 17 369 15 |
| Lines | 12 | 18,500 | 222,000 | 2 | \$1,265,00 | \$2,576,00 | \$1.00 | \$10,6,000,00 | 108 576 00 | 110 583 70 |
| Manderine | 2 | 16,000 | 27,615 | 0.2 | \$1.199.00 | \$157.60 | \$1.00 | \$6,100,00 | 6 657 60 | 2,465,78 |
| Mangoes | 400 | 17,500 | 7.000.000 | 80 | \$1,060,00 | \$157,530,00 | \$0.50 | \$1,400,000,00 | 1 557 520 0.0 | 576 950 36 |
| Nutmeg | 40 | 800 | 32.000 | 4 | \$1,909,00 | \$7,600,00 | \$3.50 | \$22,400,00 | 30,000,00 | 11 111 11 |
| Orange | 15 | 27.000 | 405.000 | 1.5 | \$1.367.00 | \$3,550,50 | \$1.00 | \$\$1,000,00 | \$1,550,50 | 31 315 00 |
| Passion Fruit | 10 | 8.000 | 80.000 | 10 | \$2,841,00 | \$28,410,00 | \$2.50 | \$20.0.000.00 | 228,410,00 | \$1 596 30 |
| Pawpaw | 8 | 15,000 | 120,000 | 4 | \$5,334,00 | \$21,336,00 | \$2.00 | \$120,000,00 | 141 336 00 | 52 346 67 |
| Pin capple | 30 | 15,000 | 450,000 | 27 | \$7,098,00 | \$191.646.00 | \$\$.00 | \$3 240 000 00 | 3 431 646 0.0 | 1 270 980 00 |
| Plantain | 700 | 30,000 | 21,000,000 | 595 | \$8,092,00 | \$4,814,740,00 | \$1.00 | \$17,850,000,00 | 22 664 740 0.0 | 8 394 348 15 |
| Sapodilla | 2 | 18,000 | 36,000 | 0.2 | \$1,900,00 | \$350.00 | \$2.00 | \$14,400,00 | 14 780 0.0 | 5 474 07 |
| Soursop | 14 | 20,000 | 287,000 | 2 | \$1,914.00 | \$3,828.00 | \$1.20 | \$96,000,00 | 99,828.00 | 36,973,33 |
| Sugarapple | 8 | 12,000 | 91,000 | 1 | \$1,914.00 | \$1,914.00 | \$1.00 | \$24,000.00 | 25,914,00 | 9.597.78 |
| Tangerine | 5 | 16,000 | 74,000 | 0.5 | \$1,288.00 | \$644.00 | \$1.00 | \$16,000.00 | 16,644,00 | 6.164.44 |
| Waxapple | 10 | 20,000 | 200,000 | 2 | \$1,900.00 | \$3,800.00 | \$1.00 | \$\$0,000.00 | \$3,800.00 | 31.037.04 |
| TOTAL | (manual) | 8400 | SC 241.0 | 30 | | | | | | |
| CULTIVATED | 6,556.4 | | × . | SC 8 | | \$21,722,919.10 | - X | \$93,637,170.00 | 115,360,089.10 | 42,725,958.93 |
| Notes | | | - | | - | | | | | |
| 163 acres of a mour | bet as a groot | 65 acre: (40 | %) of arrowroot | was harvest | ed before the | cruption and is con | sidered as t | evalue of stard | loss. | 2 |
| 15,000 cocoss ts/acr | eis estimated | as 45,000 B | 5 | | | | | | or Alexandre | 5 |

15,000 cocosu ts/acreis estimated as 45,000 lbs

Figure 21 shows that the entire region was affected after the eruption and clearly shows that the "changes in NDVI values are much higher in the surrounding areas of the volcano."



Figure 21: Vegetation changes (NDVI) using Sentinel 2 after April 10th 2021 (left: Jan1-Apr9 and Right: Apr10-Apr26)

Figure 22 illustrates type of damage and changes in NDVI for specific types of land cover, including pasture, crops, and woody agriculture (tree crops).

Figure 22: NDVI Changes after 10th of April over the cropland area (left: Cropland, Right: NDVI change)



The NDVI analysis estimated that a total of 43% of all the cultivated lands in the island were severely impacted (roughly 3200 hectares), while 3000 hectares were partly affected and only 0.6% of lands were not affected.

Tables 14 and 15 provide further detailed estimated area of damage and the types of changes in vegetation and crop land in each of the hazard zones.

Table 14: Impacted cultivated land (ha) in Saint-Vincent Islands based on land cover, vegetation changes (NDVI), by hazard zones, land cover and administrative units

| Hazard | Admin Units | Pasture, cultivated | Woody agriculture | Impacted cultivated land (cropland) | | | | | |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|--|
| | | herbaceous agriculture | coconut, banana) | Total | High | Medium | Low | No change | |
| Red | Charlotte | 1089.45 | 347.16 | 1436.61 | 1234.18 | 170.19 | 25.68 | 1.68 | |
| Red | Saint David | 223.16 | 16.78 | 239.94 | 226.65 | 7.92 | 0.99 | 0.12 | |
| Orange | Charlotte | 484.35 | 132.89 | 617.23 | 388.92 | 213.50 | 13.37 | 0.31 | |
| Orange | Saint David | 196.55 | 6.28 | 202.83 | 138.05 | 56.54 | 6.52 | 0.06 | |
| Orange | Saint Patrick | 5.21 | 0.00 | 5.21 | 2.77 | 1.87 | 0.33 | - | |
| Yellow | Charlotte | 1017.34 | 127.19 | 1144.53 | 499.00 | 557.64 | 81.00 | 2.11 | |
| Yellow | Saint Andrew | 1.19 | 0.00 | 1.19 | 0.30 | 0.27 | 0.45 | 0.01 | |
| Yellow | Saint David | 7.58 | 0.00 | 7.58 | 2.81 | 4.03 | 0.43 | 0.04 | |
| Yellow | Saint Patrick | 141.49 | 0.14 | 141.64 | 48.15 | 76.63 | 15.60 | 0.18 | |
| Green | Charlotte | 1038.32 | 401.21 | 1439.53 | 448.07 | 795.65 | 184.73 | 6.12 | |
| Green | Saint Andrew | 454.53 | 0.07 | 454.60 | 53.07 | 206.40 | 187.11 | 6.56 | |
| Green | Saint George | 1680.96 | 4.06 | 1685.02 | 150.03 | 840.51 | 677.19 | 26.90 | |
| Green | Saint Patrick | 83.37 | 56.65 | 140.02 | 48.39 | 73.63 | 15.53 | 0.67 | |
| | Total | 6424 | 1092 | 7516 | 3240 | 3005 | 1209 | 45 | |

| Table 15: Impact severity | (%) on cultivated | land based on | vegetation (NDVI) | changes, | administrative | units and |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| hazard zones | | | | | | |

| Hazard zones | Admin Units | Negative changes (based on NDVI) in cultivated areas (cropland) | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | | High <-0.5 | Medium -0.5 to -0.25 | Low <-0.25 | No change | | | |
| Red | Charlotte | 85.91 | 11.85 | 1.79 | 0.12 | | | |
| Red | Saint David | 94.46 | 3.30 | 0.41 | 0.05 | | | |
| Orange | Charlotte | 63.01 | 34.59 | 2.17 | 0.05 | | | |
| Orange | Saint David | 68.06 | 27.88 | 3.21 | 0.03 | | | |
| Orange | Saint Patrick | 53.26 | 35.89 | 6.42 | - | | | |
| Yellow | Charlotte | 43.60 | 48.72 | 7.08 | 0.18 | | | |
| Yellow | Saint Andrew | 25.62 | 22.31 | 38.01 | 0.83 | | | |
| Yellow | Saint David | 37.10 | 53.18 | 5.71 | 0.52 | | | |
| Yellow | Saint Patrick | 34.00 | 54.10 | 11.01 | 0.12 | | | |
| Green | Charlotte | 31.13 | 55.27 | 12.83 | 0.48 | | | |
| Green | Saint Andrew | 11.67 | 45.40 | 41.16 | 1.44 | | | |
| Green | Saint George | 8.90 | 49.88 | 40.19 | 1.6 | | | |
| Green | Saint Patrick | 34.56 | 52.58 | 11.09 | 0.48 | | | |

Table 16: Total Effect of Volcanic Eruption to the Agriculture Sector

| Category | Crops | Apiculture | Livestock | Forestry | Fisheries | Infrastructure | Grand Total EC\$ | Grand Total US\$ |
|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Damage | 21,722,919 | 116,500 | 447,662 | 20,832,500 | 423,947 | 54,000 | 43,597,528 | 16,147,232.59 |
| Loss | 93,637,170 | 110,250 | 522,243 | | 4,815,211 | | 99,084,874 | 36,698,101.48 |
| Total | 115,360,089 | 226,750 | 969,905 | 20,832,500 | 5,239,158 | 54,000 | 142,682,402 | 52,851,334.07 |

The Damage and Loss Assessment Team included officials from the Ministry Agriculture Planning Unit, Forestry, Fisheries, Extension and Advisory, Animal Health and Production Division, Banana Services Division, Inter American Institute for Cooperation Agriculture, Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

Figure 23: Map of St. Vincent Showing Agricultural Districts and Hazard Zones



Figure 23 Composite map of St Vincent including Agro-ecological zones (CARDI), Agricultural Regions and Districts (MAFFRTIL) and Volcanic Hazard Zones (UWI SRC). Layers and overlays put together by Colville King, Diversification Officer MAFFRTIL, April 2021.

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) reported that a total of 13,303 persons⁹ were evacuated. Of these persons, approximately 2875 were registered farmers and 278 were fisherfolk who

were dislocated from the red and orange zones (Table 19). Additionally, some farmers and fishers from the Yellow Zone, especially on the leeward side, were evacuated.

| Zones | Total numbers of registered farmers | Total number registered fishers | Total by zone |
|--------|--|--|------------------|
| Red | 1850 | 125 | 1975 |
| Orange | 1023 | 153 | 1176 |
| Yellow | 2569 | 2 | 2571 |
| Green | 4996 | 1468 | 6464 |
| | 10,438 | 1,748 | 12,186 |

Table 17: Farmers Disaggregated by Hazard Zones

Figure 25 is a map of St Vincent showing the Hazard Zones and Agricultural Districts and a table showing the demographic distribution of registered farmers and fishers. Table 19 shows the distribution of farmers according to the different Hazard Zones.

A mixed methodology was employed to conduct the DADA and included "field visits, telephone and personal interviews, the use of data from the Ministry and other institutions, review of past damage assessment documents and statistics from MAFFRTIL and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning."

Crop loss was calculated using the acreages affected multiplied by the expected yield foregone multiplied by the market price. Loss calculations for tree crops were done using the extended period of 24 months since recovery for this commodity group will take 2 to 3 years before full recovery.

⁹ National Emergency Management Organization update, dated April 19, 2021

Validation of these estimates was made using further resources and information from FAO, IICA and CARDI, as well as national statistics.

Livestock damage was calculated based on field visits and reports on deaths of animals and damage estimated using market values by type of animal. Losses were calculated based on production and farm gate prices.

Fisheries damage was calculated based on the estimated market value and repair costs to vessels, equipment and facilities affected. Fisheries losses were calculated based on two sets of variables (i) estimation based on vessels damaged (ii) an estimated 30% of the total fish landings for 2020.

Damage and loss in the forestry sector was not easily quantifiable due to the nature of the forestry ecosystem and services. Notwithstanding, observation and reports were used to estimate the damage done to plantation, primary and secondary forest. An estimate was made on the total number of acres of plantation and natural forest damaged and calculated using a multiplier.

The infrastructure estimation was done using visual observations from field visits and estimates of costs for damages.



The DADA report provides detailed estimates for each of the main crops grown (primarily arrowroot, vegetables, root crops, bananas and plantains, and tree crops). Table 20 shows these DaLA estimates in detail.



The DADA report found that country's "thriving apiculture industry" (with 713 hives) was not severely impacted since less than 10 percent of the hives are located in the red and orange zones. The total damage was estimated at \$116,500.00 and loss amounted to \$110,250.00.



However, the extensive loss of vegetation (pasture and other forage on which to graze animals) in the red and orange zones will further exacerbate preliminary estimated livestock losses which were determined to be at least \$447,662.00 in the red and orange zones with an overall estimated loss \$522,243.00. Even if farmers can get their livestock to safe zones, there are significant costs "associated with the protection, feeding and veterinary support of these livestock and their relocation to the areas."

The estimated livestock farmers affected in the red and orange zones is 1,233.

The affected animal population in the red zone for small ruminants is 4990, cattle 684 and approximately 400 pigs. More losses are expected as a result of respiratory and dietary issues and other complications.





Table 18: Livestock Damage and Loss

| | | DAM | IAGES | | | LOSSES | | | |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| PRIVATE | | | PUBLIC | | PRIVATE | | | PUBLIC | |
| Commodity | No. of animals lost | Value of animals | Infrastructure damage value | No. of animals lost | Value of animals | Items | Infrastructure damage value | Farmgate loss | Production loss Apr-Dec |
| Poulty | 2872 | \$59,720.00 | \$89,550.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | Pens | \$10,000.00 | \$304,875.00 | \$0.00 |
| Sheep | 45 | \$26,000.00 | \$32,000.00 | 9 | \$3,250.00 | Guttering | \$3,000.00 | \$13,020.00 | \$11,620.00 |
| Goat | 90 | \$52,320.00 | \$4,704.00 | 8 | \$13,200.00 | Fencing | \$2,950.00 | \$28,040.00 | \$20,600.00 |
| Pig | 59 | \$45,725.00 | \$22,308.00 | 10 | \$850.00 | Forage bank | \$12,585.00 | \$57,520.00 | \$37,708.00 |
| Cattle | 17 | \$63,500.00 | \$6,000.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | | | \$42,560.00 | \$6,300.00 |
| TOTAL | 3083 | \$247,265.00 | \$154,562.00 | 27 | \$17,300.00 | | \$28,535.00 | \$446,015.00 | \$76,228.00 |

Table 19: Livestock Infrastructure Damage and Loss

| | PRIVATE | | PUBLIC | TOTAL | XCD | USD |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| DAMAGE | No. of Animals | 3083 | 27 | 3110 | | |
| | Value of Animals | \$247,265.00 | \$17,300.00 | \$264,565.00 | \$447,662.00 | \$164,769.41 |
| LOSS | Infrastructure damage value | \$154,562.00 | \$28,535.00 | \$183,097.00 | | |
| | Farmgate Loss | \$446,015.00 | 0 | \$446,015.00 | \$522,243.00 | \$192,220.18 |
| | Production loss Apr- Dec | \$69,648.00 | \$6,580.00 | \$76,228.00 | | |
| | TOTAL | \$917,490.00 | \$52,415.00 | | \$969,905.00 | \$356,989.58 |



The DADA reports that the fishery sector in the red, orange and yellow zones has been significantly impacted. Approximately 800 fishers have been affected among which 278 relocated.

The number of vessels damaged were reduced as the MAFFRIL provided prior advice to fishers to safeguard their vessels. It was reported that seven (7) vessels

with their engines and other equipment have been damaged.

As a result, the preliminary estimated damage and loss for fisheries is \$5,017,060.00 with \$361,850.00 representing damages and losses of \$4,655,210 (loss on fish landing, damaged vessels and aquaculture). International export of fisheries products also ceased due to the closure of the airport. The quantification of such loss is still to be determined.

Table 20: Summary of Fisheries Sector Damage

| Number | Type/length | Boat | Engine HP | Beach Seine Net | Buoys / Fishing gears and auxillaries | Oars | Damage | Loss | Total |
|--------|--|------------|--------------|--------------------|--|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | | | 27,000.00 | | | | 27,000.00 | - | 27,000.00 |
| 1 | Pirogue 26ft | 40,000.00 | 38,000.00 | | | | 78,000.00 | 147,000.00 | 225,000.00 |
| 1 | Double Ender 28ft + Beach Seine Net | 20.000.00 | | 35,000.00 | | 800 | 55,800.00 | 324,000.00 | 379,800.00 |
| 3 | Double Ender 14 (support boat) ft (x3) | 13,000.00 | - | | | 300 | 13,300.00 | 147,000.00 | 160,300.00 |
| 1 | Double Ender 11ft | 5,000.00 | - | | | | 5,000.00 | 36,750.00 | 41,760.00 |
| 1 | Bow and Stern 13ft | 20,000.00 | 15,800.00 | | | | 35,800.00 | 73,500.00 | 109,300.00 |
| 1 | Deck Boat 30ft | 100,000.00 | 38,000.00 | | 8,950.00 | | 146,950.00 | 122,500.00 | 269,450.00 |
| | Total | 198,000.00 | 91,800.00 | 35,000.00 | 8,950.00 | 1,100.00 | 361,850.00 | 850,860.00 | 1,212,600.00 |

Table 21: Fish Landing loss

| Fish landing weight | Fish Price (\$) | Fish value |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 559,636 | 7.00 | \$3,804,460 |



The DaLA estimated that "established plantations and the natural forest suffered in excess of 65% damage in the Red, Orange and Yellow zones. The estimated damage is \$56,247,750."

Table 22: Forestry Damage

| Forest area | Location | Cultivated area/ no. of trees/ stands (before disaster) Acres | Damaged/ Affected area/ no. of trees | Repair Cost (where applicable) | Replacement Cost (where applicable) | Ecosystem service value | Est. Value of Damage (USD\$) |
|----------------------|--------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Standing timber | | 569.47 | No. Trees/ acre | Salvage/ Rehabilitation | Planting | | |
| Plantation Forest | | | 200 | | | | |
| Red & Orange zone | | 76.25 | 76.25/ 15,250 | 76,250.00 | 381,250.00 | | \$457,500.00 |
| Yellow and Green | | 493.22 | 98,644 | nil | nil | | |
| Forest Access | Cumberland | | | 10 miles | Tractor | | |
| TUdus | Perseverance | | | | | | |
| | Rabacca | | | | | | |
| Natural Forest | Central | 31,500 | 20,475 | | | Wildlife, watershed | \$20,475,000.00 |
| Upper Montane | | 10,500 | Destroyed | Monitoring | Protection | | |
| Montane | | | | | | | |
| Coastal | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 43,165.94 | | | | | \$20,832,500.00 (XCD \$56,247,750.00) |

7.6 AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE

Substantial damage was done to agricultural infrastructure in the Red and Orange zones, since most of the agricultural investments were in this area (Agricultural Biotechnology Center, arrowroot and cassava factories, fisheries complex, CARDI Field Station, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Centre, Langley Park Palletisation Centre, and Perseverance Agricultural Station). At the time the preliminary DADA was completed, the information on the extent of damage and loss to private sector infrastructure (shade houses, farm sheds, animals housing and equipment) were not yet fully assessed. However, it was very clear that "roadways in agricultural areas in the red and orange zones as well as a number of bridges and feeder roads" were affected. The damage to the bridges and roads was an indirect result of erosion due to heavy rains, lahars and pyroclastic flows, clogged streams and rivers due to fallen trees and vegetation.

Table 23: List of General Agriculture Infrastructure

| Location | Name Public | Name Private | Volcanic Zone | Impact | Proposed Relocation |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Owia | Owia Fisheries Complex | | Red | Ash accumlation | Not Applicable (NA) |
| | Arrowroot Factory | | Red | Destroyed | No relocation recommended |
| Orange Hill | Orange Hill Agricultural Training Institute | | Red | Ash accumulation | NA |
| | Apiaries ATI | | Red | Total collapse | Botanical Gardens |
| | Irrigation Unit | | Red | Ash accumulation | Recommend to be moved to |
| | | | | | acquired lands in South Union |
| | Orange Hill Biotechnology Centre | | Red | Total green house collapse | Montreal Green House Park |
| Rabacca Farms | Rabacca Livestock Station | | Red | Partial damage | Montreal Green House Park |
| CARDI Field Station | Rabacca Farms | | Red | Partial damage | Montreal Green House Park |
| Langley Park | Langley Park Palletization Centre | | Red | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |
| | | | - | | Assistance in rebuilding, |
| | | | | | no relocation |
| Langley Park | | Little Nut | e Red | Total collapse of installation | No relocation recommended |
| Perserverance | Perserverance Agriculture Station | | Red | Total green house | No relocation recommended |
| | | | - | collapse | |
| Perserverance | | Hadley Cocoa Drying Facility | Red | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |
| Congo Valley | | Congo Valley Mountain Top | 🛑 Orange | Ash accumulation, disruption of water | No relocation recommended |
| Mt. Young | | Mt. Young ALCO Hatchery | 🛑 Orange | Death of chicks | No relocation recommended |
| Byera | | Mt. William Estate | 🛑 Orange | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |
| Three Rivers | Three Rivers Agriculture Station | | Yellow | Ash collection | No relocation recommended |
| New Grounds | New Grounds Nursery | | 😑 Yellow | Ash collection | No relocation recommended |
| Montreal Garden | Montreal Green House Park | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Dumbarton Garden | Dumbarton Agriculture station | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| La Croix | La Croix Palletization Centre | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Rivulet | Rivulet Cannabis Authority | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Rivulet | Research and Development | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Kingstown | Kingstown: MAFFRTIL head office | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Kingstown | Plant Quarantine Port | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Kingstown | Aviary Old Montrose | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Kingstown | Fisheries Division Headquarters | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Campden Park | Plant Protection Unit head office | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Campden Park | Bureau of Standards | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Campden Park | | East Caribbean Feed Mills | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Campden Park | | East Caribbean Flour Mill | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Rillian | Taiwan technical Mission Pembrook | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Peters Hope | Peters Hope Germ Plasm | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Barrouaillie | Barrouaillie Fisheries Complex | | Green | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Walliabou | Walliabou Agriculture Station | | Yellow | In good condition | No relocation recommended |
| Belle Isle | Research and Development Plot at Belle Isle | | Yellow | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |
| Belmont | Belmont Livestock Station | | Orange | Partial damage | No relocation recommended |
| Chateaubelair | Chateubelair Fisheries Complex | | Orange | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |
| Richmond | | Richmond Vale Academy | Red | Ash accumulation | No relocation recommended |

The DADA recommendations include: "urgent attention to avoid catastrophic outcomes" such as flowing down stream and river pathways as was experienced in December 2013. The figure of \$54,000,000 was quoted in the preliminary report however, from qualitative reports provided the extent of the damage maybe more. Given the extreme flooding that also later occurred in late April 2021, further damage to agricultural infrastructure will need to be documented. Table 25 presents and inventory of both public and private agricultural infrastructure and shows which assets are located in Colonaire Division which includes Colonaire community and what damage was noted during the DADA.

7.7 VULNERABLE GROUPS

According to the United Nations¹⁰ appeal, most vulnerable groups Vulnerable groups in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will be disproportionately affected by the eruption, with a long and difficult road to recovery ahead of them. High-risk groups include poor and vulnerable households, single female-headed households with children and dependents, pregnant women and girls, farmers and fisherfolk, people living with disabilities, as well as those living with HIV/ AIDS, the LGBTQ¹¹ community, youth (aged 15-29) and children, especially those under five, and the elderly. Poverty is perhaps the broadest cross-cutting issue affecting vulnerable groups.

Prior to the eruption of La Soufrière, poverty was already expected to worsen significantly due to the impact of COVID-19 on livelihoods, projected to increase from 30.2 per cent to 38.5-43.8 per cent, while severe poverty was expected to jump from 2.9 per cent prepandemic to 11.9 per cent, significantly diminishing the resilience of affected people to recover from this crisis.

Tourism and agriculture are the backbone of the Vincentian economy, making workers in these sectors particularly vulnerable during the current emergency, especially women and youth. Unemployment disproportionately affects women (30.1%) and youth (ages 15-29), for whom joblessness is twice the national rate. Some of the poorest and most vulnerable populations, many of whom are dependent on agriculture and fisheries, reside in high-risk communities that have suffered losses and damages to housing, crops, livestock as well as the tools and equipment they depend on for their livelihoods. Those dependent on these sectors will be displaced from their source of livelihood, beyond the immediate shortterm, as the sector's recovery could take months, if not years.

The current volcanic eruption appears to be far worse than what has happened in previous years. Several communities have had to be completely evacuated from the island entirely and are now on cruise ships waiting indefinitely to return once the volcanic activity has ceased. But the eruption has also produced excessive amounts of ash across the entire island and as far a field as Barbados and other islands. More importantly, the ash has been so have that it has disrupted electricity supply, completely covered crops, stressed livestock, weighed down and snapped trees, and very importantly contaminated the island's water supply.

Farmers¹² in St Vincent's breadbasket region are already counting thousands of dollars in losses after the decimation of their crops from the erupting La Soufriere volcano's ashfall.

Without water, livestock cannot be kept alive and crops cannot be salvaged.

7.8 LINKS/INTERACTION WITH COVID-19

The eruption of La Soufrière comes as Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is recovering from its largest COVID-19 surge amid the pandemic, and the region's worst Dengue outbreak in recent history. La Soufrière is likely continue to erupt in the coming weeks and maybe even months. The long-term effects of a protracted eruption on agriculture and tourism, which are the mainstays of the Vincentian economy and contribute about half of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), will further exacerbate the already devastating socioeconomic impact of COVID-19. It will also reduce capacity for recovery and erode hard-earned development gains.

Focus group participants in Fancy identified three (2) main types of livelihood categories; Farmers and Service providers.

¹⁰ United Nations. April 2021. UN Global Funding Appeal. Explosive Eruption of Soufriere Volcano: St. Vincent

¹¹ Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Trans, Queer

¹² Smith, Kareem. Farmers dig out from tonnes of ash, face uncertain future. Barbados Today. April 17, 2021. https://barbadostoday. bb/2021/04/17/farmers-dig-out-from-tonnes-of-volcanic-ash-faceuncertain-future/

8 Livelihood Assessment and Contingency Planning



Livelihood assessment data are collected in advance about the normal emergency appeal timetable and other elements of the Livelihood of the population in an area likely to be affected by a hazard.

Livelihoods consist of the capabilities, assets (both material and social resources), and activities required for a means of living. A livelihood is sustainable when it can cope with and recover from stresses and shocks, maintain or enhance its capabilities and assets, and provide net benefits to other livelihoods locally and more widely, both now and in the future, while not undermining the natural resource base (*The Livelihood Assessment Tool-Kit*).

To plan for and evaluate the possible impact hazards may have on the livelihoods within a community, an understanding of the types of livelihoods present, the sources needed, the susceptibility of these livelihoods to hazards (natural and man-made) and the existing and required response mechanisms is needed.

8.1 LIVELIHOOD ASSETS

Documentation of livelihood assets is very critical to any contingency planning. It is especially important to document the physical, natural and human resource assets that exist in case they are damaged or lost in any particular disaster.

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Seasonal calendars indicate what type of livelihoods are taking place at any particular time of the year. This illustrates livelihood activities in a year without a hazard and the changes or coping strategies employed when there is a hazard event over the course of a year.

| Activities | Skills Needed | Tools & Equipment Needed | Natural Resources |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Farming Arrowroot Eddoes Peanut Cassava Chive Marijuana Sweet potatoes Ginger Ground Nuts | Mulching Soil conservation | Cutlass, Hoes, Spray cans, Forks pick, Scoop, swiper, files | • Land • water |
| Livestock rearing | Medical Application | | Landwater |
| Services Trades-men Shop-keeping | VocationalTechnical trainingBook keepingAccounting | Trade toolsEquipmentCash registerCalculator | • Forest |
| Public & Civil Servants | Technical,Clerical,Management skills | ComputerDesk | |

Table 26: Colonaire: Livelihood Assessment Matrix

Seasonal Calendar shows livelihood activities in a year without a hazard and the changes or coping strategies employed when there is a hazard event over the course of a year.

Table 5-3 below shows the seasonal and hazard calendar for Fancy. A Seasonal Calendar illustrates livelihood activities in a calendar year without and with a hazard and the changes or coping strategies residents employ

when there is a hazard event over the course of that year. Within a normal year, farmers in Fancy plant a variety of root crops such as Cassava, Sweet potatoes, Peanuts and Eddoes, etc. Also, a percentage of the farmers are involved in alternative farming. Further, in a hazard year (hurricane), farmers reduce their farming and plant peanuts, cassava, chive, sweet pepper and marijuana.

 Table 26: Fancy Seasonal Calendar – Normal and Hazard Year (Hurricane)

| Description of Activities | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Comments |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Farming: | | | | | | | | | | | | | Reaping is significantly reduced in the hazard year due to loss of crops |
| Peanut | P ₁ | | R ₃ | | P ₃ | P ₂ | | | $R_2 X$ | × | Х | P ₃ | |
| Arrowroot | R ₁ | | P ₁ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cassava | | | R ₁ | | P ₁ | × | x | × | × | × | | | Cassava more resilient to Hurricane as they are root crops, therefore Harvesting and Planting are not affected |
| Chive | P ₁ | R ₁ P ₂ | | R ₂ P ₃ | | $P_4 R_3$ | × | | P ₅ R ₄ | | | | Chive planting and reaping is reduced significantly |
| Ginger | R_1 | $R_{_2}$ | P ₁ R ₃ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sweet potatoes | P ₁ | | | R ₃ | P ₂ | | | | R ₂ | | P ₃ | | |
| Eddoes | | | R ₁ | P ₂ | | | | | R ₂ | P ₁ | | | |
| Marijuana | | | | | PL | | X | X | X | RL PS X | | RS | Long are planted during the hurricane season as marijuana is not affected by heavy rain. |
| Sweet peppers | P ₁ | | R ₁ | | | × | × | × | × | | | | Sweet peppers requires a lot of moisture during the growing stage, thus heavy rain does not affect growing but harvesting. |
| National Heros' Day | | | N | | | | | | | | | | A public holiday of cultural activities where lots of local food are sold. |

Key: R_1 =1ST Reap; R_2 =2ND Reap; R_3 =3RD Reap; P_1 =1ST Plant; P_2 =2ND Plant; P_3 =3rd Plant; PL=Plant long crop; PS=Plant short crop, RL= Reap long crop; RS=Reap short crop; X=Reduction of farming activities; N=National Heroes day activities;

9 Coping Strategies

Understanding how people cope with various hazards and disasters is critical to knowing how to plan and support them. People may have both positive and negative coping strategies. For contingency planning, it is important to find measures to support the positive coping strategies, while finding alternative measures of support to mitigate against the negative coping strategies.

Negative coping strategies for example might include selling all livelihood assets, selling livestock, using all of one's savings, taking children out of school, and so on. While individuals employ their own coping strategies both positive and negative such as finding alternative work, eating less, replanting and consuming alcohol, external interventions are usually required for the effective and efficient restoration of livelihoods namely receiving remittances. Additionally, other strategies employed are, counselling and reduce their expenses.

| Likely Climate Impact | Positive Coping Strategies & Practices | Negative Coping Strategies & Practices |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Hurricane | Go to shelter,Alternative work,Remittances,Replanting | Eat less,Government Assistances,Reduce expenses |
| Flooding | Seek shelter, Go to shelter, Alternative work, Remittances, Replanting | Eat less,Government Assistances,Reduce expenses |
| Landslides | Seek counselling, Swap labour, Soil conservation (contouring and planting peas trees) sharing of inputs | Alcohol consumption |
| Droughts | Switch planting season, Cut down on no of crops planted per year, Seek farming inputs | |
| Pests & Diseases | Use local remedies e.g. powder detergent (breeze) and pepper water) seek government assistance | |
| Predators | Impound animals | |
| Volcano | | |

Table 27: Fancy Coping Strategies

10 Response and Recovery Typologies

With respect to the 2021 Volcanic Eruption, the DADA reports that have been completed identify both a number of short-term and long-term types of responses that should be implemented both at community and institutional levels. These are presented here:

10.1 IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDS (NEXT 3 TO 6 MONTHS)

- Protection of the public and private livelihoods assets in the red and orange zones (livestock, planting materials, tools/equipment, in-vitro facilities, etc.)
- Income support to farmers, fishers and farm workers.
- Initiative to make food readily available and accessible (to reduce food and nutrition insecurity).
- Policy on loan moratorium for farmers with financial institutions to reduce foreclosure.
- Infrastructure to support relocation of farm and farm assets.
- Identification of lands to relocate farmers (a land bank approach).
- Program to engage farmers, youth and women in initiatives at the evacuation centres.
- Procurement of planting materials, genetic stock for crop and livestock
- Clearing of rivers and streams especially in the upper watersheds in red and orange zones.
- Establishment of crop and livestock support systems.

10.2 MEDIUM TO LONG TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION NEEDS (NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS)

- A comprehensive plan for recovery and rebuilding of a modern, competitive agricultural sector
- Farm relocation
- Introduction of technology and innovation
- Incentive program to encourage young people into farming.
- Policy support for incentives, infrastructure, information and intelligence to build a modern agriculture sector.

10.3 RESPONSE TYPOLOGIES IDENTIFIED FOR FANCY

While individuals employ their own responsive mechanisms/coping strategies, external interventions are usually required for the effective and efficient restoration of livelihoods. In the event of a hurricane and/or storm surge, possible responses post-disaster could include the replacement of farming equipment for economic purposes and dwellings for Shelter. The clearing of the main drains in the district post-flood would alleviate excess flood waters.

While individuals employ their own responsive mechanisms/coping strategies as in Table 28, external interventions are usually required for the effective and efficient restoration of livelihoods. In the event of a flood, possible responses post-disaster could include the replacement of planting materials, assistance with production costs, cleaning of flooded homes, support for house repairs, rental costs, uniform and other support for children in affected homes and other assistance.

Table 28: Fancy Response Typology

| Type of Response Needed | Geographical Area | # of Households likely to be affected | Required quantity (US\$) | Duration | Cost (US\$) | Responsibility |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Replacement cost of plant material: Sweet Potato Ground Nuts Eddoes | Dry River Big Level Cottage | 20 16 15 | 14,520 plants@\$0.37x5 ac 87,120 plants@\$0.037x3 ac 11,616 plants@\$0.74x3 ac | One-off One-off One-off | 26,862 9,670 25,788 | Min. of Agri. |
| Cost of production per acre*: Sweet Potato Ground Nuts Eddoes | Dry River Big Level Cottage | 20 16 15 | 5 acres (ac)@\$1,098 3 acres (ac)@\$2,046 3 acres (ac)@\$1,519 | | 5,490 6,138 4,557 | Min. of Agri. |
| Flooding Cleaning of homes | Dry River | 10 | | | | BRAGSA |
| Support for house repairs | Dry River | 10 | \$925.93 per structure | One-off | 9,259 | Min. of Housing |
| Rental Assistance | Dry River | 5 | 222.22 per month | 6 months | 1,111 | Min. of National Mobil. |
| Interim assistance benefit | Dry River | 10 | 184.19 Per month | 9 months | 16,577 | Min. of National Mobil. |
| Basic amenities & disaster relief | Dry River | 10 | 444.44 | One-off | 4,444 | Ministry of National Mobil. |
| Uniform assistance | Dry River | 25 | \$55.56 per student | One-off | 1,389 | Min. of National Mobil. |
| Meals & transport subsidy | | 25 | \$66.67 per student | 9 months | 5,556 | |
| Animals | | | | 1 - 3 months | | NGO, GO, IDs |
| Cash gifts | | | | 1 - 3 months | | Min. of Agri. |
| Vet Supports | | | | 1 - 3 months | | Min. of Agri. |
| Fishing Equipment | | | | 1 – 3 months | | Min. of Agri. |
| Consessions | | | | 1 – 3 months | | Government |

*Cost of production per acre includes: labour operations (clearing, digging, planting, weeding, fertilizer application, moulding and harvesting); materials (herbicide, fungicide, insecticide, fertilizer, tools, other); other costs (transportation, land lease).



ANNEX 1 - MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR COMPENSATION LIST FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS AND LIVESTOCK (2019)

| Agriculture Region and District | No. of crops | Name of cash crop | Acres | Average number of farmers per crop | Plants per acre | Expected Yield (XCD\$) | Growing Duration (months) | Value at stage in mid of hurricane season (XCD\$) | Value (XCD\$) | 75% dependent on crop grown above grown (XCD\$) | 55% dependent on crop grown underground | Justification |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|---|---|--|
| | | | | | | CHATE | AUBELAIR* | | | | | |
| REGION ONE District 1 | 1 | Ginger | 2 | 16 | 21,780 | 20,000 | 9 | \$2.00 per plant | 87,120 | | 47,916 | Roots and tubers are more like to be affected by flash floods as a result of run-off water from heavy rains |
| | 2 | Eddoes | 1 | 28 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 23,232 | | 12,778 | |
| Leeward | 3 | Dasheen | 1 | 6 | 7,260 | 14,000 | 7 | \$2.00 per plant | 14,520 | | 7,986 | |
| | | | | | | FITZ | HUGHES | | | | | |
| District 1 | 1 | Eddoes | 2 | 15 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 46,464 | | 25,555 | |
| | 2 | Ginger | 1 | 11 | 21,780 | 20,000 | 10 | \$0.10per sq. ft. | 4,356 | | 2,396 | |
| | 3 | Sweet Potatoes | 1 | 14 | 14,520 | 7,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 14,520 | | 7,986 | |
| | | | | | | ROS | E HALL | | | | | |
| District 1 | 1 | Carrots | 7 | 60 | 264,000 | 8,000 | 3/4 | \$0.10per sq. ft. | 30,492 | | 16,771 | Flash floods |
| | 2 | Tomatoes | 6 | 90 | 21,780 | 15,000 | 3 | \$2.00 per plant | 174,240 | 130,680 | | Plant like to be damaged/ destroyed by heavy rains and high winds |
| | 3 | Cabbages | 3-4 | 90 | 14,520 | 12,000 | 3 | \$0.30 per plant | 14,810 | | 8,146 | Flash flood, heavy rains and drought |
| | | | | | | SPRING | G VILLAGE | | | | | |
| District 1 | 1 | Eddoes | 30 | 134 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 696,960 | | 383,328 | |
| | 2 | Sweet potatoes | 14 | 103 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 406,560 | | 223,608 | |
| | 3 | Corn | 7 | 93 | 9,680 | 25,000 | 3/4 | \$2.00 per plant | 67,760 | 50,820 | | Plants are likely to be damaged by high winds |

*Hurricane intensifies in the latter half of the season and costs were based on this trend and period estimate for growth

| Agriculture Region and District | No. of crops | Name of cash crop | Acres | Average number of farmers per crop | Plants per acre | Expected Yield (XCD\$) | Growing Duration (months) | Value at stage in mid of hurricane season (XCD\$) | Value (XCD\$) | 75% dependent on crop grown above grown (XCD\$) | 55% dependent on crop grown underground | Justification |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|---|---|---|
| | | · | · · · · · | | | COL | ONARIE | | | | | |
| REGION THREE District 7 | 1 | Plantain | 4 | 12 | 1,210 | 30,000 | 11 | \$12.00 per plant | 58,080 | 43,560 | | Plants are likely to be damaged/ destroyed by high winds |
| | 2 | Sweet Potatoes | 7 | 23 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 101,640 | | 55,902 | |
| Windward | 3 | Yams | 4 | 7 | 4,840 | 12,000 | 9 | \$5.00 per plant | 96,800 | | 53,240 | |
| | 4 | Bananas | 50 | 18 | 680 | 20,000 | 9 | \$10.00 per plant | 340,000 | 255,000 | | |
| | | | | | | FA | ANCY | | | | | |
| District 7 | 1 | Sweet Potatoes | 5 | 20 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 72,600 | | 39,930 | |
| | 2 | Groundnuts | 3 | 16 | 87,120 | 3,000 | 4 | \$0.10 per sq. ft. | 13,068 | | 7,187 | |
| | 3 | Eddoes | 3 | 15 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 69,696 | | 38,333 | |
| | | | | | | PAF | RK HILL | | | | | |
| District 7 | 1 | Yams (Portuguese) | 7 | 18 | 2,723 | 20,000 | 7 | \$5.00 per hole | 95,305 | | 52,418 | Extensive dry periods can result in produce smaller in size or loss of plantlets due to the heat. The method of calculation can apply for loss during a drought. |
| | 2 | Sweet Potatoes | 5 | 17 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 72,600 | | 39,930 | |
| | 3 | Dasheen | 2 | 7 | 7,260 | 14,000 | 7 | \$2.00 per plant | 29,040 | | 15,972 | |
| | | | | | | C | AIWG | | | | | |
| District 8 | 1 | Sweet Potatoes | 12 | 33 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 174,240 | | 95,832 | |
| | 2 | Tannia | 9 | 32 | 4,840 | 9,000 | 9 | \$2.00 per plant | 87,120 | | 47,916 | |
| | 3 | Eddoes | 7 | 25 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 162,624 | | 89,443 | |

| Agriculture Region and District | No. of crops | Name of cash crop | Acres | Average number of farmers per crop | Plants per acre | Expected Yield (XCD\$) | Growing Duration (months) | Value at stage in mid of hurricane season (XCD\$) | Value (XCD\$) | 75% dependent on crop grown above grown (XCD\$) | 55% dependent on crop grown underground | Justification |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|---|---|---------------|
| | | | | | | OVERLAND | AND MAGN | UM | | | | |
| District 8 | 1 | Sweet Potatoes | 12 | 47 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 174,240 | | 95,832 | |
| | 2 | Tannia | 9.5 | 43 | 4,840 | 9,000 | 9 | \$2.00 per plant | 91,960 | | 50,578 | |
| | 3 | Eddoes | 5 | 29 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 116,160 | | 63,888 | |
| | | | | | | SAN | DY BAY | | | | | |
| District 8 | 1 | Tannia | 23 | 73 | 4,840 | 9,000 | 9 | \$2.00 per plant | 222,640 | | 122,452 | |
| - | 2 | Sweet Potatoes | 22 | 77 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 319,440 | | 175,692 | |
| | 3 | Eddoes | 9.3 | 39 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 216,058 | | 118,832 | |
| | | | | | | SOUT | H RIVERS | | | | | |
| District 7 | 1 | Dasheen | 8 | 24 | 7,260 | 14,000 | 7 | \$2.00 per plant | 116,160 | | 63,888 | |
| - | 2 | Sweet Potatoes | 14 | 37 | 14,520 | 8,000 | 4 | \$1.00 per plant | 203,280 | | 111,804 | |
| | 3 | Eddoes | 5 | 18 | 11,616 | 11,000 | 6 | \$2.00 per plant | 116,160 | | 63,888 | |

Please note that agriculture regions 1 and 3 tend to be severely affected by hurricanes and other natural disasters. Both regions are in the north of the country and experience a greater intensity of wind and heavy rainfall.

| Livestock | Cost per animal | Infrastructure | e cost | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Sheep | 300 | \$35/sq. ft. | roof \$8/sq | 8800/sq. ft. fencing |
| Goat | 300 | \$35/sq.ft. | roof \$8/sq | 8800/sq. ft. fencing |
| Pigs | 450 | \$35/sq.ft. | roof \$8/sq | |
| Cattle Female | 3000 | | | |
| Cattle Male | 4000 | | | |
| Poultry Boiler | 1.25 | | | |
| Poultry Layer | 4.25 | | | |
| Peak layers | 20 | | | |
| Pre Peak | 10 | | | |
ANNEX 2 – MINISTRY OF NATIONAL MOBILISATION - SERVICES OFFERED UNDER THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (XCD\$)

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of National Mobilisation etc. is charged with the national portfolio of providing social protection to vulnerable households through the Public Assistance Programme guided by the Public Assistance Act. Due to societal changes during the past two (2) decades, additional types of monthly and emergency assistance were added to compliment the traditional services. The following are some of the services currently being offered under this programme:

- 1. Uniform Assistance (\$100&150/student once per year).
- 2. Rental Assistance (\$400-\$600/person per month for six months).
- 3. School fees & Exam Fees (\$200/student).
- 4. Meals & Transport Subsidy (\$180/student per month).
- 5. Basic Amenities & Disaster Relief (\$250&\$1200/person (one-off assistance).
- 6. Interim Assistance Benefit (\$500/family for nine (9) months).
- 7. Medical & Funeral (\$2000/person (one-off assistance).

ANNEX 3 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR – COMPENSATION LIST FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY CROPS

| FIELD CROPS | COSTS (XCD\$) | FIELD CROPS | COSTS (XCD\$) | |
|------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| Arrowroot | 10 cents per sq. ft. | Grasses (cultivated) | 5 cents per sq. ft. | |
| Bananas | \$3.00 per plant up to 3 months | Ground Nuts | 10 cents per sq. ft. | |
| | \$6.00 per plant at medium stage \$10.00 per plant if bearing | Yams (Portuguese) | \$3.00 per hole when young \$5.00 per hole if matured | |
| Plantain | \$4.00 per plant up to 3 months \$7.00 per plant at medium stage \$12.00 per plant if bearing | Dominic | \$2.00 per hole when young \$4.00 per hole if matured | |
| MaughFaugh Baugh | \$1.00 per plant up to 3 months | Water | \$1.00 per hole when young | |
| | \$3.00 per plant at medium stage \$6.00 per plant if bearing | White | \$3.00 per hole if matured | |
| Grindy | \$3.00 per plant up to 3 months \$6.00 per plant at medium stage \$9.00 per plant if bearing | Bascombe | 75 cents per hole when young | |
| | | Others | \$2.00 per hole if matured | |
| Sugar Cane | \$1.00 per hole | Sweet Potatoes | 25 cents per hole when young \$1.00 per hole if matured | |
| Cassava | 30 cents per hole up to 3 months \$2.00 per plant when matured | Ochro | 25 cents per hole when young \$1.00 per hole if matured | |
| Corn | 15 cents per hole up to 3 months \$2.00 per plant when matured | Ginger | 10 cents per sq. ft. | |
| Pigeon Peas | \$1.00 per hole in pure stand \$6.00 per isolated tree | Sorrel | 15 cents per hole when young 25 cents per hole if matured | |
| Cotton | 60 cents per hole up to 2 months | Tobacco | 50 cents per hole up to 3 months | |
| Eddoes | 50 cents per hole up to 3 months \$2.00 per plant if matured | Pineapple | \$1.75 per hole up to 3 months \$3.50 per hole up to 3 months \$7.50 per hole up to 3 | |
| Tannia | 50 cents per hole up to 3 months \$2.00 per plant if matured | Dasheen | 50 cents per hole up to 3 months \$2.00 per plant if matured | |

| GREEN VEGETABLES | COSTS (XCD\$) | GREEN VEGETABLES | COSTS (XCD\$) |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Beans | 10 cents per hole non flowering 25 cents per hole if bearing | Lettuce | 20 cents per hole for young plants \$1.00 per plant if bearing |
| Beets | 10 cents per hole | Pepper (Hot or Sweet) | 25 cents - 50 cents for young plants |
| Cabbage | 25 cents per hole when immature \$2.00 per plant when matured | Tomato | 10 cents – 50 cents per young plant non |
| Carrots | 10 cents per sq. ft. | | \$1.50 - \$2.50 per plant if bearing |
| Cauliflower | 25 cents per plant when immature \$1.00 - \$2.00 per plant when matured | Pumpkin | 10 cents -50 cents per hole when immature \$5.00 per hole if bearing |
| Christophene | \$1.00 per hole when immature \$5.00 per hole if bearing | Passionfruit | \$1.00 per non bearing vine \$5.00 per vine if bearing |
| Cucumber | 10 cents per plant when immature \$2.00 per plant if bearing | Black Pepper | \$1.00 per plant not bearing \$5.00 per plant if bearing |
| Egg Plant | 10 cents - 50 cents per plant when immature \$2.00 per plant if bearing | Pineapples | \$1.75 up to 3 months \$3.50 up to 6 months \$7.50 up to and over 12 months |

FOREST CROPS (XCD\$)

| SPECIES | BEARING TREES | DAMAGED OVER 10 YRS | DAMAGED OVER 5-10 YRS | DAMAGED 0-5 YRS |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Mahogany | \$140.00 | \$80.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Teak | \$140.00 | \$80.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Red Cedar | \$140.00 | \$80.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| White Cedar | \$140.00 | \$80.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Суре | \$140.00 | \$80.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Honduras Mahogany | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| W.I Mahogany | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Blue Maho | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Galba | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Pinus Caribbean | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Angeline | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Bamboo | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |

ORCHARD TREES AND PERMANENT CROPS (XCD\$)

| SPECIES | BEARING TREES | DAMAGED OVER 10 YRS | DAMAGED OVER 5-10 YRS | DAMAGED 0-5 YRS |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Breadfruit | \$120.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$45.00 |
| Breadnut | \$90.00 | \$50.00 | \$30.00 | \$25.00 |
| Сосоа | \$80.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Coconut | \$100.00 | \$70.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 |
| Coffee | \$45.00 | \$35.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Cashew | \$50.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Custard Apple | \$15.00 | \$10.00 | \$8.00 | \$6.00 |
| Golden Apple | \$75.00 | \$50.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Sugar Apple | - | \$15.00 | \$8.00 | \$6.00 |
| Guava | \$40.00 | \$30.00 | \$20.00 | \$10.00 |
| Mango (other) | \$70.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Mango (grafted) | \$120.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$35.00 |
| Mammie Apple | \$56.00 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Nutmeg | \$120.00 | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$35.00 |
| Pawpaw | \$30.00 | \$20.00 | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |
| Plum | \$70.00 | \$50.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Plumrose | \$50.00 | \$35.00 | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| Sapodilla | \$70.00 | \$50.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Pear (Avocado) | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Grapefruit | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Orange | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Tangerine | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Ortanique | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Lime | \$90.00 | \$60.00 | \$45.00 | \$30.00 |
| Soursop | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |
| Clove | \$70.00 | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 |
| Cinnamon | \$70.00 | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 |
| Mauby | \$50.00 | \$40.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 |

ANNEX 4 – COST OF PRODUCTION

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Labour, SVG.

CROP: Ginger VARIETY: Jamaican ACREAGE: One (1) Acre DATE: 7/10/2018

| ITEMS | UNITS | RATE(\$) | NO, | COST(\$) |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| LABOUR OPERATIONS | | | | |
| Land clearing (Cutlass & Clean) / spraying | M/day | 40.00 | 12 | 480.00 |
| Ranging | M/day | 40.00 | 15 | 600.00 |
| Gathering / preparation of planting material | M/day | 40.00 | 5 | 200.00 |
| Chopping holes and planting | M/day | 40.00 | 6 | 240.00 |
| Weeding manually (X 2) & Moulding(X 1) | M/day | 40.00 | 28 | 1120.00 |
| Fertilising - Band application (X 3) | M/day | 40.00 | 4 | 160.00 |
| Harvesting (pull, cut, wash, dry, bag) | M/day | 40.00 | 30 | 1200.00 |
| Heading out of field | M/day | 40.00 | 20 | 800.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 4,800.00 |
| MATERIALS | | | | |
| Planting Materials () | Lbs | 1.50 | 3000 | 4500.00 |
| Grammoxone & pre-emergent | Gal | | | 205.00 |
| Fertiliser (NPK) | Sack | 65.00 | 12 | 780.00 |
| Tools(e.g.) Spray can Fork, Hoe, Cutlass, File | | 665.00 | 1 | 665.00 |
| Other(Bags) | | 1.00 | 200 | 200.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 6,350.00 |
| OTHER COSTS | | | | |
| Land charges (Lease) | Acre | 500.00 | 1 | 500.00 |
| Transportation | | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Supervision | | | | |
| Interest on Ioans (9 - 11%) | | | | |
| Depreciation on tools & equipment | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 800.00 |
| Total cost of production | | | | \$ 11,950.00 |
| Total cost per unit of output(\$/Lb) | | | | \$ 0.60 |
| ASSUMPTIONS | | | | |
| a) Plant spacing | 1 X 3 Within Row X Betv | veen Row (Ft) | | |
| b) Plant density 14,520 plants per acre | | | | |
| c) Marketable yields 20,000 Lbs | | | | |
| d) Losses & main cause Negligible.(Due nematode) | | | | |
| e) Maturation Period | 10 Months | | | |
| f) Price per unit yield - Farmgate : | | | | |

CROP: Eddoe VARIETY: Black ACREAGE: One (1) Acre DATE: 31/12/2014

| ITEMS | | RATE(\$) | NO, | COST(\$) |
|--|-------|----------|-----|-------------|
| LABOUR OPERATIONS | | | | |
| Land clearingSpraying/Cleaning | M/day | 40.00 | 2 | 80.00 |
| Digging Holes | M/day | 40.00 | 15 | 600.00 |
| Gathering and preparing plant material | M/day | 40.00 | 4 | 160.00 |
| Planting (Including heading and dropping) | M/day | 40.00 | 8 | 320.00 |
| Weed control (herbicide)(X2) | M/day | 40.00 | 3 | 120.00 |
| Fertiliser application (X 2) | M/day | 40.00 | 4 | 160.00 |
| Moulding (x1) | M/day | 40.00 | 12 | 480.00 |
| Harvesting (incl. Sort & heading) | M/day | 40.00 | 12 | 480.00 |
| Heading out of field | M/day | 40.00 | 8 | 320.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 2,720.00 |
| MATERIALS | | | | |
| Planting materials (Slips) | | | | |
| Herbicide -(Grammaxone) | Gal. | 136.00 | 2 | 180.00 |
| Fertiliser (types) N.P.K. | sack | 100.00 | 9 | 900.00 |
| Tools(e.g.) Fork, Hoe, Cutlass, File, Spray can | | | | |
| Other (e.g.) Boxes, bags | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 1,080.00 |
| OTHER COSTS | | | | |
| Land charges (Lease/ Rent/ Share) | Acre | | | |
| Transportation | | | | 300.00 |
| Supervision | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 300.00 |
| Total cost of production | | | | \$ 4,100.00 |
| Total cost per unit of output(\$/Lb) | | | | \$ 0.37 |
| ASSUMPTIONS | | | | |
| a) Plant spacing 2 X 3 Within Row X Between Row (ft) | | | | |
| b) Plant density 7,260 plants per acre (plants/acre) | | | | |
| c) Marketable yields(lbs) 11,000 | | | | |
| d) Losses (Rejects & Spoils) Negligible | | | | |
| e) Maturation Period 6 Months | | | | |
| f) Price per unit yield - Farmgate : \$0.75/Lb | | | | |

CROP: Dasheen VARIETY: Upland ACREAGE: One (1) Acre DATE: 31/12/2014

| ITEMS | UNITS | RATE(\$) | NO, | COST(\$) |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| LABOUR OPERATIONS | | | | |
| Land clearingSpraying/Cleaning | M/day | 40.00 | 2 | 80.00 |
| Digging Holes | M/day | 40.00 | 15 | 600.00 |
| Gathering and preparing plant material | M/day | 40.00 | 3 | 120.00 |
| Planting (Including heading and dropping) | M/day | 40.00 | 5 | 200.00 |
| Weed control (herbicide)(X2) | M/day | 40.00 | 3 | 120.00 |
| Fertiliser application (X 2) | M/day | 40.00 | 4 | 160.00 |
| Moulding (x1) | M/day | 40.00 | 12 | 480.00 |
| Harvesting (incl. Sort & heading) | M/day | 40.00 | 12 | 480.00 |
| Heading out of field | M/day | 40.00 | 8 | 320.00 |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 2,560.00 |
| MATERIALS | | | | |
| Planting materials (Slips) | | | | 0.00 |
| Herbicide -(Grammaxone /Touchdown) | Gal. | 170. /136 | 2 | 306.00 |
| Fertiliser (types) N.P.K. | sack | 100.00 | 10 | 1,000.00 |
| Tools(e.g.) Fork, Hoe, Cutlass, File, Spray can | | | | |
| Other (e.g.) Boxes, bags | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 1,306.00 |
| OTHER COSTS | | | | |
| Land charges (Lease/ Rent/ Share) | Acre | | | |
| Transportation | | | | 300.00 |
| Supervision | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ 300.00 |
| Total cost of production | | | | \$ 4,166.00 |
| Total cost per unit of output(\$/Lb) | | | | \$ 0.30 |
| ASSUMPTIONS | | | | |
| a) Plant spacing | 2.5 X 3 Within Row X Be | etween Row (ft) | | |
| b) Plant density 5,800 plants per acre (plants/acre) | | | | |
| c) Marketable yields(lbs) 14,000 | | | | |
| d) Losses (Rejects & Spoils) | Negligible | | | |
| e) Maturation Period | 8Months | | | |
| f) Price per unit yield - Farmgate : | \$.60/Lb | | | |

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