

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project (VEEP)

Multi-Sectoral

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The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (GoSVG) has received financing in the amount of US\$42,000,000.00 equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project (VEEP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the European Union - Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility Fund.

The project will include the following components

Component 1: Early recovery income support (USD 7,500,000)

Subcomponent 1.1. Temporary grants and support services program

The objective of this subcomponent is to support the continuation, expansion, and strengthening of the ongoing temporary grants and complementary support services.

Temporary Grants: Through the Ministry of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Youth, Housing, and Informal Human Settlement (MoNM), the Government will be providing unconditional temporary grants to approximately 4,000 displaced households affected by the volcanic eruption of La Soufrière. This program targets selected poor or vulnerable households from the red, orange, and yellow zones displaced by the volcanic eruptions of La Soufrière, who will be provided with income support for a period of six months.

Support services: This subcomponent will finance temporary grants, goods and consulting services, including financing consultancies and services related to communications, training of beneficiaries, hiring of facilitators, and procurement of material and basic equipment to deliver the support services.

Subcomponent 1.2. Labor Intensive Temporary Employment (LITE) Program

The subcomponent will support, on an as-needed basis, the implementation of a LITE Program to provide cash-for-work in the event of natural and/or climate-related disasters (including risks associated with heavy rains mobilizing ashfall and volcanic debris). It will also support the longer-term resilient recovery of community infrastructure. This subcomponent will respond to the Government's request to support cleaning activities associated with ex-ante disaster mitigation or ex-post emergency response or infrastructure recovery and protect transportation routes from the accumulation of volcanic ash, flood water and debris following the volcanic eruptions of La Soufrière and other climate-related events.

Component 2: Restoration and “Building Back Better” of critical services, and strengthening of emergency preparedness and response capacity (USD 29,000,000 and Euro €1,650,000)

Subcomponent 2.1. Support to reconstruction planning that incorporates climate change considerations.

This will support the integration of necessary climate and disaster considerations into technical studies, feasibility studies, and detailed engineering designs of infrastructure interventions and operations mainly in public facilities, transport infrastructure, water supply systems, agricultural centers, and slope stabilization. These studies will address the critical needs of reconstruction while helping St. Vincent and the Grenadines to be better prepared for the impacts of climate change and build resilience into physical and operational infrastructure, including the resilient operation of systems during disasters, in a more inclusive manner.

Subcomponent 2.2. The restoration and reconstruction of critical infrastructure services.

Activities will be assessed against the context of changing climate patterns and the integration of mitigation and adaptation interventions in restoration and reconstruction. Using the emergency operation to support “Building Back Better” will help the GoSVG adapt to and increase resilience to disasters and climate change. Reconstruction and rehabilitation works will be complemented by functional upgrades and climate-resistant designs, including energy efficiency features where relevant, through the enforcement of building code legislation to increase the resilience of buildings to climate-related risks.

Immediate restoration of services: The Project will support physical response activities, including materials and construction services; equipment rental; design and construction supervision for works contracts under the Ministry of Transport, Works, Lands, and Physical Planning (MoTW), National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO), Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA); and other expenditures relating to restoration and rehabilitation operations. The potential response and immediate restoration activities will include:

(a) cleanup of volcanic ash and debris; (b) restoration/augmentation of affected water supply systems; (c) river cleaning; (d) purchase and/or rental of machinery and equipment (including agricultural equipment and supplies for restoration of agriculture productivity); (e) reconstruction of schools, roads, drains, culverts, bridges, and emergency warehouses; and (f) restoration of transport infrastructure.

A prioritized list of public infrastructure in need of restoration or reconstruction will be included under the POM, with a focus on identifying measures to increase climate and disaster resilience: Prioritization will be carried out using participatory approaches in line with the Project's environmental and social (E&S) instruments. This will ensure E&S risks are duly considered in finalizing investments to enhance resilience to climate change impacts and to mitigate potential negative environmental or social impacts.

Subcomponent 2.3. Strengthening of EP&R systems and capacity.

This activity aims to improve the capability of the GoSVG to systematically prepare for and respond to potential compounding emergencies and the impacts of a changing climate, particularly in line with its mandate under the national emergency response plans for multiple hazards (recurrent annual events as well as low-frequency, high-impact disasters). Activities under this component will address the critical impediments and, in so doing, improve capacities and capabilities to prepare for and respond to emergencies such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and climate change-induced disasters such as hurricanes and floods.

Parallel Co-financing under the EU-Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility managed by the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is being arranged to support activities to strengthen the multi-hazard Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R) systems in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. In this regard, Euro €1,650,000 (US\$2million) through the EU-Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility trust fund will complement Project funding to strengthen NEMO's EP&R capacity.

Project stakeholders: Participating line agencies, identified thus far, are those with direct responsibility in their respective areas relating to emergency and infrastructure management, as follows:

- a) Ministry of National Security /NEMO
- b) Ministry of National Mobilisation (MoNM)
- c) CWSA
- d) MoTW
- e) BRAGSA
- f) Ministry of Agriculture -MoA.

Component 3: Project Management (USD 3,500,000)

This component will support the administrative management of the Project by the PSIPMU and implementing partners through, but not limited to, (a) a project coordinator; (b) financial management (FM) and procurement specialists to carry out the fiduciary aspects of the Project, including audits; (c) monitoring and evaluation (M&E) specialists; (d) technical experts needed for Project preparation and implementation (including E&S management and social protection specialists); and (e) technical focal points in the MoA, NEMO, CWSA, MoNM and MoTW/BRAGSA. The PSIPMU will coordinate the provision of training and workshops and manage the financing of necessary goods, equipment, and operating costs, including costs associated with convening and reporting to the Project Steering Committee (PSC).

Carrying out independent technical audits and the Project's independent financial audits .

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) (Procurement Regulations)* and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#) online, on the World Bank's external website and [dgMarket](#) and the Searchlight newspaper, the News newspaper and the Vincentian newspaper.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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