



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' Response to COVID-19

Virtual Meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) of Small Island
Developing States (SIDS)

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Coronavirus Report



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) REPORT

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❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES

52



❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS RECOVERED

39



❖ NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES

13



❖ NUMBER OF COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

0



❖ NUMBER OF PERSONS TESTED

1866



❖ NUMBER OF PENDING RESULTS

145

7 OF THE PENDING RESULTS ARE REPEAT TESTS

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RECOVERY AND STIMULUS PACKAGE

Minimizing

the loss of life and strengthening our public health systems.

Reducing

the economic impact on vulnerable Vincentians, displaced workers and most-affected sectors.

Keeping

the economy afloat through targeted stimulus spending, while maintaining macroeconomic stability and laying the groundwork to resume growth when the pandemic abates.

Targeted Sectors for Recovery Package

- Persons who may be exposed to Coronavirus infection;
- Workers displaced or laid off due to closures in the hospitality sector;
- Workers in the formal sector laid off by business closures or cut-backs;
- Workers in the informal sector, particularly vendors, cart operators
- Taxi, water taxi, and tour bus operators;
- Minibus operators;
- Vulnerable Vincentians, especially the elderly and those facing increased financial or nutritional vulnerability;
- Farmers and fisherfolk;
- Creative and cultural professionals;
- Entrepreneurs and small business owners;
- Those experiencing difficulties in making loan payments to financial institutions; and
- Those experiencing difficulties in paying utility bills.

Recovery Measures Implemented

- Displacement supplementary income was paid to 1,496 Vincentians.
- Unemployment benefits paid out from the National Insurance Services to 1,100 Vincentians.
- A pre-payment of 2 months pension benefits for all categories of pensioners benefitting 8,189 pensioners.
- Interim Assistance Benefits was paid to 1,644 informal sector workers who are dependent on trade.
- 600 Vincentians comprising the elderly, disabled and those affected financially were given additional money to be paid monthly for the rest of the year.
- 451 minibus operators were given 2 months income support.
- Income support payment was given to operators of taxis, water taxis and tour buses. 411 cultural and creative professional who were affected by cancellation of shows were compensated.
- Entrepreneurs and small business owners are receiving grant support through PRYME and PRYME+ programmes.
- Distribution of food packages to vulnerable families with produce bought from local farmers.

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGS

Challenges

- Access to funding.
- Shift in priority sectors.
- Focus now being on specific goals and thematic areas.

Opportunities

- Development of alternative sectors.
- Progress in specific areas, for example the health sector.

Voluntary National Review (VNR)

- 1st presented to the HLPF the Hon. Camillo Gonsalves – Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology.

Highlights of the VNR

- 95% of our citizens have access to electricity, clean water and comprehensive sanitation services.
- One hundred per cent of our children have access to secondary education.
- Maternal mortality is almost zero, as are instances of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

Risks and Challenges to Achieving the SDGs

- Insufficient financing and delays in development aid flows.
- The impacts caused by COVID-19 both at the local level and in the global economy, which at the time of writing are not fully known but it is clear that growth targets would be negatively impacted.
- Exogenous shocks such as those associated with the impact of natural hazards and climate change.
- Need to more clearly define the institutional framework for guiding the overall process of advancing Agenda 2030.
- Need to strengthen the national statistical capacity to collect