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**A FLASH-FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

**Issued at 12:00 noon, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

As a trough system continues to affect our islands, cloudy to overcast skies, pockets of light to heavy showers, periods of light rain and isolated thunderstorms are anticipated across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

In addition, fresh to strong (35 - 40 km/h) wind speeds are anticipated during the upcoming days and squally conditions/higher gusts are likely to accompany showers. **Residents are strongly urged to be vigilant against falling limbs, loose outdoor objects and disconnected over-head wires.**

A marine advisory also remains in effect for above normal sea swells. **Small craft operators and sea bathers should continue to exercise caution for above normal sea swells and occasional gusty winds.**

Model guidance suggests rainfall accumulations of 75 mm – 125 mm (approximately 3-5 inches) with isolated higher amounts in mountainous areas are possible within the upcoming days. Therefore, the weather advisory that was already in effect for a low risk of flooding has been upgraded to a Flash-Flood watch for St. Vincent and the Grenadines until further notice.

**Residents and motorists in areas prone to flooding and landslides or near rivers and streams should exercise extreme caution.**

A Flood-Watch is issued when conditions are favourable and there exists the possibility of flooding during the watch period.

This flash-flood watch may be upgraded to a warning if conditions warrant or discontinued if conditions subside.

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