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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NEMO TO CONDUCT FORKLIFT OPERATION AND CERTIFICATION TRAINING – DECEMBER 6 - 7, 2023**

The National Emergency Management Organisation in collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), through funding from the Government of Canada, the European Union and the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance will conduct a Forklift Operation and Certification Training during the period December 6-7, 2023.

This training targets a core group of persons who have a valid driver's license and were actively involved in the response operation following the explosive eruptions of the La Soufriere Volcano. Participants will be certified, enabling them to apply their knowledge and skills to operate a forklift safely and professionally in normal and emergency situations.

The objectives of the training are:

- To expose participants to the practical skills in forklift operation, encompassing loading, unloading, and maneuvering.
- To ensure that participants have a comprehensive understanding of the forklift safety guidelines and regulations through graded, written and practical evaluations.
- To cultivate a safety-first mindset and awareness of potential hazards in a warehouse environment.
- To help participants to attain certification to legally operate a forklift.

The training methodology encompasses formal Instructions, practical training and evaluation/assessment of individual performance, including written test, hands-on forklift safety inspection and the safe operation of a forklift in both indoor and outdoor environments.

The formal instructions will commence on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at the National Emergency Management Organisation Conference Room at 8:30 a.m., while the practical training and evaluation will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at NEMO's Warehouse at Camden Park commencing at 8:30 a.m.

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Additional Information:

Since the 2021 explosive eruptions of the La Soufrière volcano, the World Food Programme (WFP) has been providing support to the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO). This support continues through the provision of training and access to resources to support NEMO's Preparedness programme and national emergencies.

The World Food Programme's continued partnership with the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is facilitated through collaboration with the Government of Canada, the European Union and the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance.