

Q1: What is the Port Modernization Project?

The Port Modernization Project is set to develop and modernize a new cargo port facility in Kingstown, St. Vincent. It involves engineering studies of options, environmental and social studies and a resettlement action plan. Eventually construction of a new port facility.

Q2: When will I have to move out of my house at Rose Place?

This will be communicated to you and the other families at Rose Place. Not all families will move out but there are families near Bay Front of Rose Place that will have to be resettled.

Q3: My mother is severely disabled and its difficult for her to move. Will she get help?

Yes, for severely affected members of household there will be support and extra allowances for their well being. She will also get help with moving costs.

Q4: I am a fisherman who has a boat at Rose Place but I live in Villa. Where will my boat go? Will I get any help?

For Maritime Safety all boats will be relocated. The spot that has been selected is Edinboro. We are very pleased to let you know that there will be the necessary support facilities. The Project will help fisherman and owners with transport allowance for one year.

Q5: If I have a complaint about the Project what should I do?

It is important that you file a complaint – verbal or written with the Local Grievance Committee. They will assist you and try to solve your complaint.

Q6: I am really worried. I am an employee at a Government building/shop in the part of Rose Place to be relocated. Will I get anything? My family is worried too.

Yes any employee of a building – public/government or private will get an employment package. This will consist of compensation – a lump sum payment. As well, you may want to take a course or training that will be offered under the project and will be free of charge for you.

Q7: I am a vendor who has been operating next to the Sea Wall for 17 years. What will happen to me? How will I find out about my valuation?

Vendors will be required to relocate. The Project is going to help you. Each shop has been valued and that valuation and price will be provided to you. Also, we know there will be some loss to your business income and we have set an amount for your business loss that will be paid to you.

Q8: My rental lease expires in 2022. I have now found out that I will still have to move as a renter because my house is one of the houses that is to be relocated. How much notice will I get to move? Will I get some assistance?

A minimum of two months notice will be given. Rental allowance will be paid for six months. There will also be assistance to find affordable rental accommodation and relocation allowance will be available to you.

Q9: Can anyone in Kingstown or even in Rose Place claim compensation?

No. Only those that are considered eligible and are on the Project Affected Person's List can be considered for compensation. For those people that will lose their housing or businesses they will be entitled.

Q10: My brother is a temporary fruit vendor. He works two days a week. What will happen during construction?

Your brother will be affected by traffic diversion, noise, dust and this will likely cause some short-term impacts to his selling of fruit. He must follow the directions of the police and possibly move out of the construction area temporarily until it is safe.

Q11: I heard that if I want to know more about the project, I can inquire from the Project Coordinator or any member of the Grievance Redress Committee. I really want to know what the traffic pattern changes will be to my temporary stall.

Traffic patterns and new one-way streets may occur during construction. The Project Coordinator can help you and his contact details are at the bottom of the booklet. Also, there are local Committee Members, Liaison Officer and Community Representative who know when the engineering and construction will start in 2020 and you can ask them. Later, a full list of their names will be given to local residents.

Q12: My auntie told me that the Government was planning for two relocation sites. Is this true and, where are they? I want to go home to my family in Bequia. Can I just take a lump sum payment instead of relocating?

Based on our discussions with the Community and the relevant government departments a site at Lowmans and another site at Edinboro have been selected. Yes, if you want to go home to Bequia you can take the full compensation and allowances and not relocate to one of the two sites.

Q13: It is going to be very expensive to move even to a relocation site. Will there be any help for my family? What about my job loss?

There will be allowances including a moving allowance, relocation allowance, assistance with utility hookups. Importantly, there will be an economic package if your job is lost. New training opportunities will be made available for you and we hope that you join in these courses to pick up new skills that will help you and your family.

Q14: Can you tell me about the conditions at the new housing as I would like an indoor toilet and running water?

Each housing unit will have a flush toilet and running water. This will be very helpful to your family's future health and well-being.

Q15: Dust caused during construction is entering my house, dirtying my home and causing my asthma to act up. What am I to do?

Report the issue to our Grievance Redress Committee so they can assess your claim and offer some help to your problem.

Q16: My daughter has exams and the noise from the drilling is causing her to be distracted. I am worried she would not do well in her exams.

Report the issue to our Grievance Redress Committee so they can help you with your concern and try to resolve your issue.

Q17: The Port Project site is in the path of the CWSA sewer line, what is the Port Modernization Project doing about this issue?

As a part of the Port Modernization Project, there will be the improvement and realignment of the CWSA sewer line. The new line would be outside of the Project site and the end point of the line/outfall positioned to ensure that effluent does not circulate back into the Kingstown harbor.

Q18: As a concerned citizen who cares about our country's ecosystems, will there be any impacts to the marine environment considering the project site would be on water?

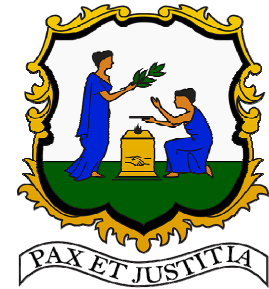
An Environmental and Social Impact Assessment was done on the Project site. This document is publicly available on the SVGPA website and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is being implemented to mitigate any negative environmental impacts.

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