



## Zika: A Long-Term Public Health Challenge











# The Zika virus

can also be sexually transmitted

## Zika Epidemics around the Globe

84 countries and territories with evidence of vector-borne Zika virus transmission

## Countries with possible endemic transmission or evidence of local mosquito-borne Zika infections in 2016 Countries with reported outbreak 2013-2016 from 2015 onwards

### Distribution of Zika virus around the world

Slowing of growth of Zika cases with no new countries or territories reporting vectorborne Zika virus infections since February 1, 2017.

WHO global risk assessment has not changed. Although a decline in cases of Zika virus infection has been reported in some countries or in some parts of countries, vigilance needs to remain high.

## Symptoms and Complications of Zika Disease

### **Symptoms:**

Countries with

evidence of local

2015, but without

documentation of

cases in 2016, or outbreak terminated

Disputed areas

mosquito-borne Zika infections in or before

Mild fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headache

### Complication:

Zika virus infection during pregnancy is a cause of congenital brain abnormalities including microcephaly and is a trigger of Guillain-Barré syndrome

## Existing Solutions to Fight Zika

**Mosquito Control** 







Space spraying

**Treated bed nets** 

**Larval source** management

**Personal Protection** 



Use of insect repellent as recommended by health authorities



Covering of skin with long-sleeve clothing, trousers, and hats

## Challenges

No vaccine or specific anti-viral drugs to prevent or treat Zika infections

Under-reporting and misdiagnosis of cases

Increasing insecticide resistance (declining efficiency of vector control solutions)

Zika prevention and control depend on effective vector control measures

## Our Involvement in the Fight against Zika

# 5-fold increase in our investment into vector control over the last 10 years Solutions **Education** Vector Contro Advocacy **Partnership**

### **Expertise:**

- // Over 60 years of expertise in vector control
- // A global team of over 50 people
- // Birth-control expertise since the 1990s

### **Solutions:**

- // 3 of 9 space sprays recommended by WHO come from Bayer
- // Developing a new generation of vector control solutions including Fludora® Co-Max, the first combination product to combat resistance with an estimated market entry in 2019

### **Education:**

// Use of digital tools such as Bayer Mosquito Learning Lab and Mosquito Quest to increase public awareness of the role they play in managing zika

### **Partnership:**

// Collaborating with international organizations, foundations, academia, and government agencies

## Advocacy:

- // Awareness campaigns, influencing public policy and resource allocation, media campaigns and tools, public speaking, committee work and publishing of research, etc.
- // We are recognized by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – foundation for our support in the fight against Zika