

# Zika virus in the South-East Asia Region

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# Reporting of ZIKV infection in South-East Asia

	Country	Year reported
1	Bangladesh	2016
2	Bhutan	
3	DPR Korea	
4	India	1954
5	Indonesia	1981

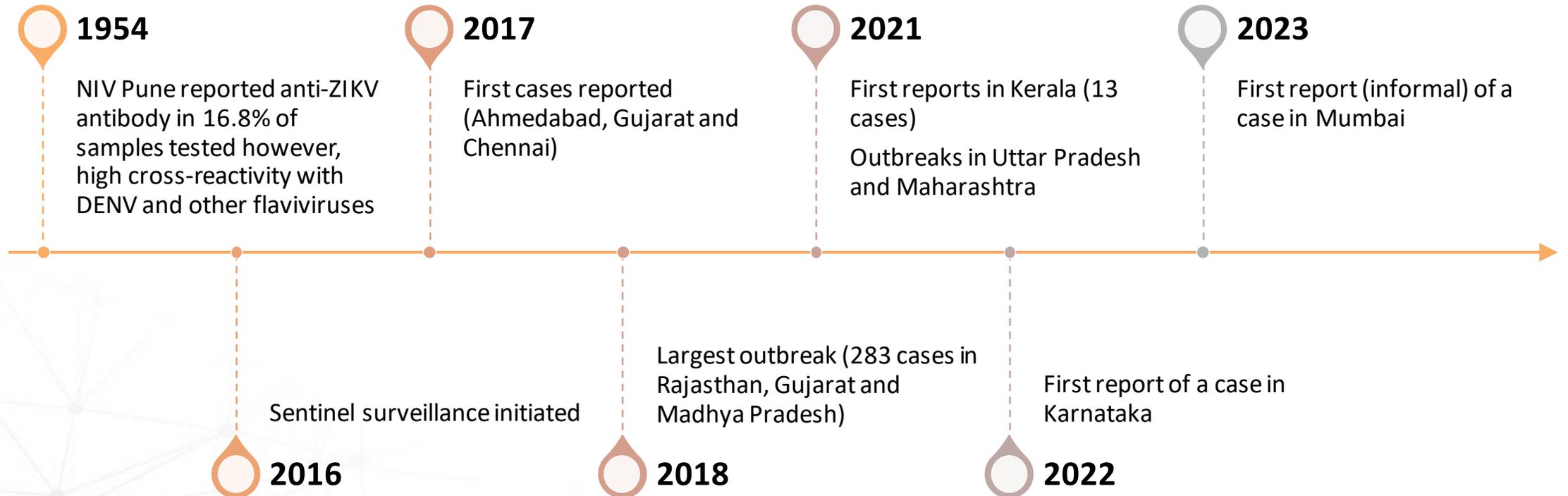
	Country	Year reported
6	Maldives	2015
7	Myanmar	2016
8	Nepal	
9	Sri Lanka	2023
10	Thailand	2013
11	Timor Leste	

# Bangladesh

2016

- First case of ZIKV infection in an old blood sample collected from a 67 years old male who had never been overseas  
(<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-zika-bangladesh-idUSKCN0WO0VJ>)

# India



[Zika virus: Current concerns in India - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Potential Zika virus spread within and beyond India | Journal of Travel Medicine | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)

[Zika virus in India: past, present and future | QJM: An International Journal of Medicine | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)

[Zika Virus Disease – India \(who.int\)](#)

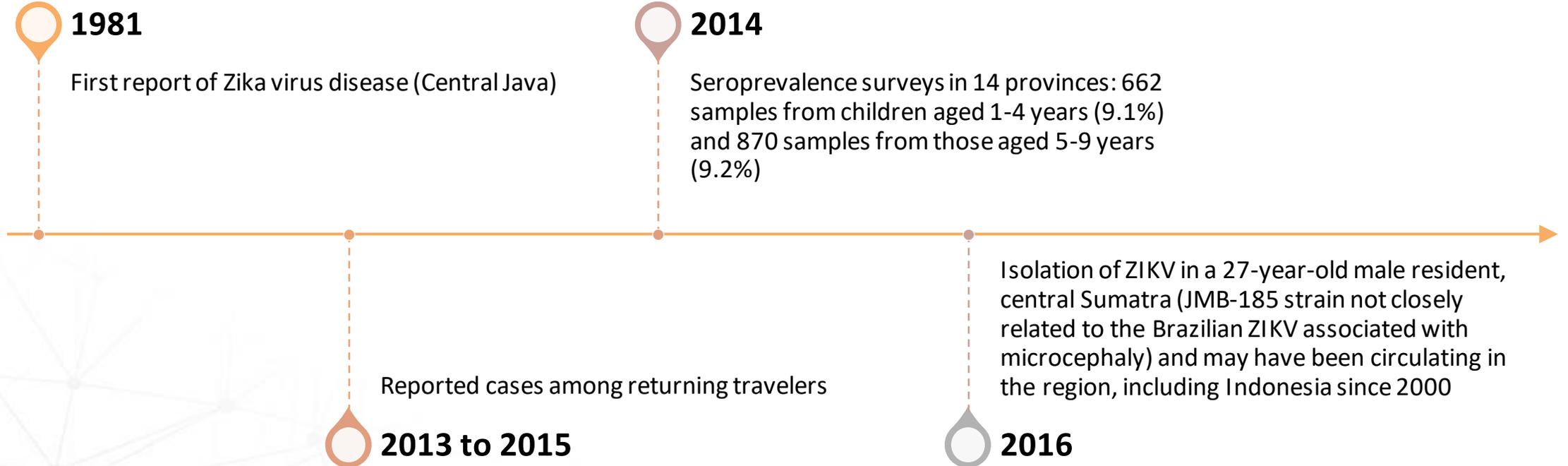
[Detection of Zika virus disease in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India 2021 during the second](#)

[wave of COVID-19 pandemic - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Frontiers | Zika a Vector Borne Disease Detected in Newer States of India Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic \(frontiersin.org\)](#)

[79-year-old Mumbai's first Zika patient, recovered fully | Mumbai News - Times of India \(indiatimes.com\)](#)

# Indonesia



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0950268815001000>

[The current status of Zika virus in Southeast Asia - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Zika virus, a cause of fever in Central Java, Indonesia - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Zika virus infection acquired during brief travel to Indonesia - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

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[Zika Virus Seropositivity in 1-4-Year-Old Children, Indonesia, 2014 - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

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[Genomic characterization of Zika virus isolated from Indonesia - ScienceDirect](#)

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# Maldives

## June 2015

- Laboratory-confirmed case of ZIKV disease in a 37 year-old Finnish male who returned home after working for 6 months in Maldives. Developed flu-like symptoms, rash and eye pain. Positive for ZIKV by RT-PCR (in urine sample not in serum). DENV IgG and IgM positive; Dengue NS-1 Negative. ([Eurosurveillance | Zika virus infection in a traveller returning from the Maldives, June 2015](#))

## 2016 & 2017

- Three cases positive out of 651 cases tested. (<https://health.gov.mv/en/publications/situation-update-on-zika-virus-disease-in-the-maldives>)

# Myanmar

2017

- Analysis of 462 samples from patients and asymptomatic people from 2004-2017: confirmed ZIKV infection among 4.9% of patients with dengue symptoms and 8.6% of asymptomatics  
(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5030004/>)

# Sri Lanka

2023

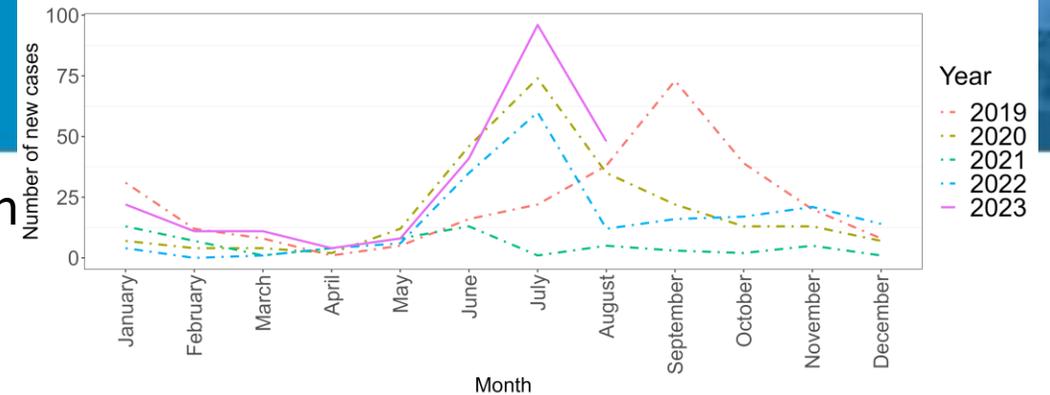
- 595 samples collected from suspected dengue patients from 2017 to 2019 in two tertiary care hospitals: 2.9% of the sample were confirmed of having ZIKV infection  
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1876034123002484?via%3Dihub>)

# Thailand

- Endemic in Thailand with peaks in case reporting usually seen in June & July coinciding with the wet season.
- Phylogenetics suggest ZIKV has been circulating in Thailand since at least 2002.
- As of 21 August, 241 cases have been reported in 2023 from 22 provinces with the highest number reported from Chanthaburi (n=76)
- As per the 2016-2022 databases
  - ▶ Of 241 ZIKV-infected pregnant women, three delivered babies with microcephaly
  - ▶ Of 77 infants born to ZIKV-infected pregnant women, four evidence of developmental abnormalities at 2-year follow-up
  - ▶ 15 infants had congenital abnormalities associated with ZIKV infection
  - ▶ Five of 145 cases of ZIKV-infection had Guillain-Barré syndrome.

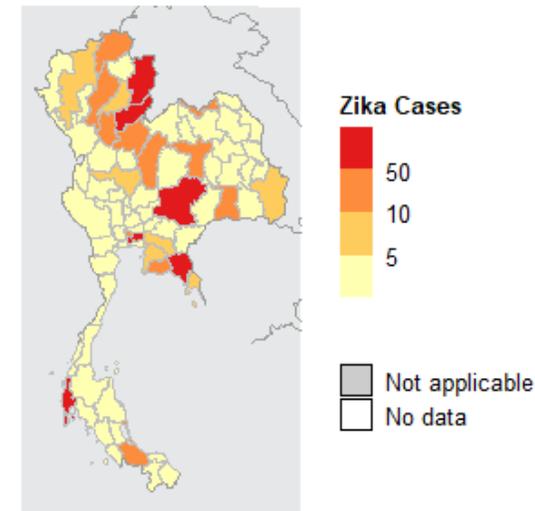
[Long-term circulation of Zika virus in Thailand: an observational study - The Lancet Infectious Diseases](#)

[Summary of the situation from disease surveillance 506 \(moph.go.th\)](#)



## Thailand: Zika cases by province

2019-2023



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# Laboratory capacity for diagnosis of arboviral infections

Country	CHIKV					DENV					ZIKV				
Bangladesh*	A	M	G	N	P	A	M	G	N	P			P		
Bhutan	A	M	G		P	A	M	G		P					
India	A	M	G		P	A	M	G		P		M	P		
Indonesia		M	G		P	A	M	G	N	P	S			P	
Maldives					P	A	M	G		P			P		
Myanmar	A	M	G			A	M	G		P					
Nepal	A	M	G		P	A	M	G		P			P		
Sri Lanka					P	A	M	G		P	S			P	
Thailand		M	G	N	P	A	M	G	N	P		A	G	N	P
Timor Leste						A	M	G	N	P	S				

A	Antigen
M	IgM
G	IgG
N	Neutralizing Antibody
P	RT-PCR or other nucleic acid amplification test
S	Viral gene/ genome sequencing

Source: Arboviral surveillance and control capacity survey

# Limitations

- Although serological studies suggest the presence of ZIKV infection in the South-East Asia region since as early as 1950's, case reporting is sporadic.
- Serological assays are used in identification of ZIKV infection. They may be cross-reactive with other circulating Flaviviruses (especially, DENV and JEV). Therefore, interpretation of test results should be done cautiously
- Underreporting/ low case detection may happen
  - ▶ Non-availability of ZIKV infection surveillance system
  - ▶ Less likely to be ZIKV infection to be included in differential diagnosis
  - ▶ Asymptomatic, mild, afebrile or atypical presentation
- In this context, the epidemiology of ZIKV and the disease burden in the region is poorly understood

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# Case, Entomological and Wastewater Surveillance of Zika

## A Multi-Disciplinary Approach

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# Re-emergence of Zika in Singapore 2023

After outbreak of ~500 cases in 2016-17, only sporadic cases were reported, with no constant transmission

## 2016-2017: Large outbreak of more than 500 cases

Outbreak of Zika virus infection in Singapore: an epidemiological, entomological, virological, and clinical analysis

The Singapore Zika Study Group\*

## 2019: 12 Cases, one small cluster of 3 cases

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SINGAPORE

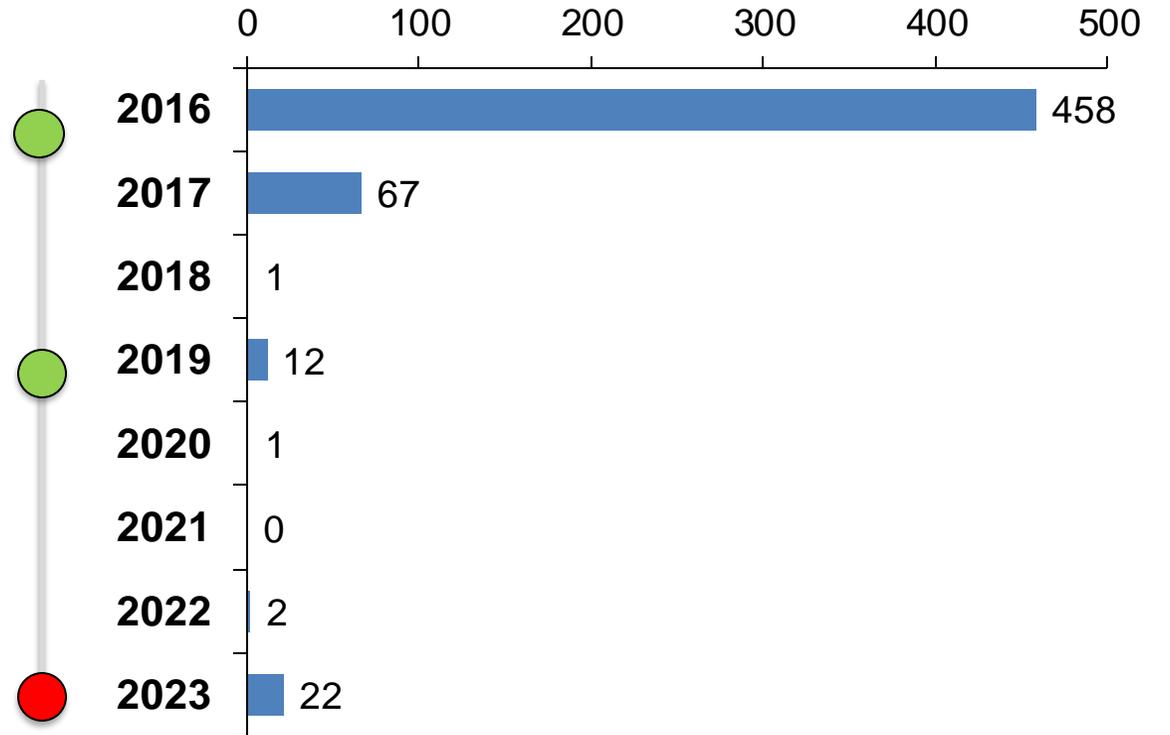
3 Zika cases confirmed in Serangoon Gardens, first cluster in Singapore in 2019

## 2023: 22 Cases with 15 in one cluster

Singapore

22 Zika cases in Singapore in the first half of 2023: Grace Fu

Most of these were found in a cluster in Kovan, while the remaining cases were isolated.



■ Zika cases (2016-2023)

# Case, entomological and wastewater surveillance for enhanced monitoring

- Commenced entomological and wastewater testing for Zika virus (ZIKV) RNA in the area of concern
- Leveraged existing capabilities and infrastructure for outbreak monitoring

## Case Surveillance

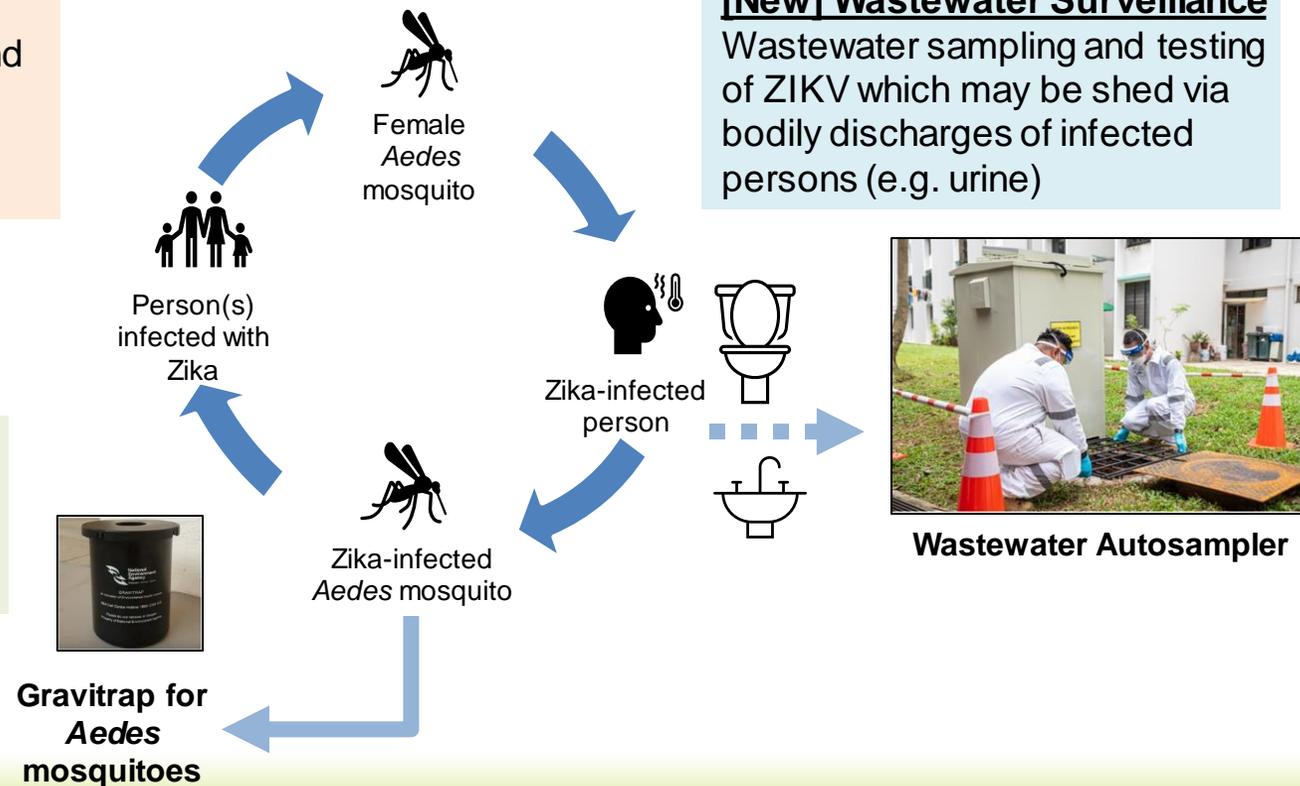
- Healthcare practitioners and community alerted of the situation to facilitate early detection

## [New] Wastewater Surveillance

Wastewater sampling and testing of ZIKV which may be shed via bodily discharges of infected persons (e.g. urine)

## Entomological Surveillance

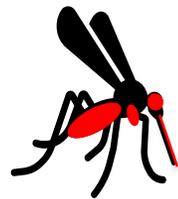
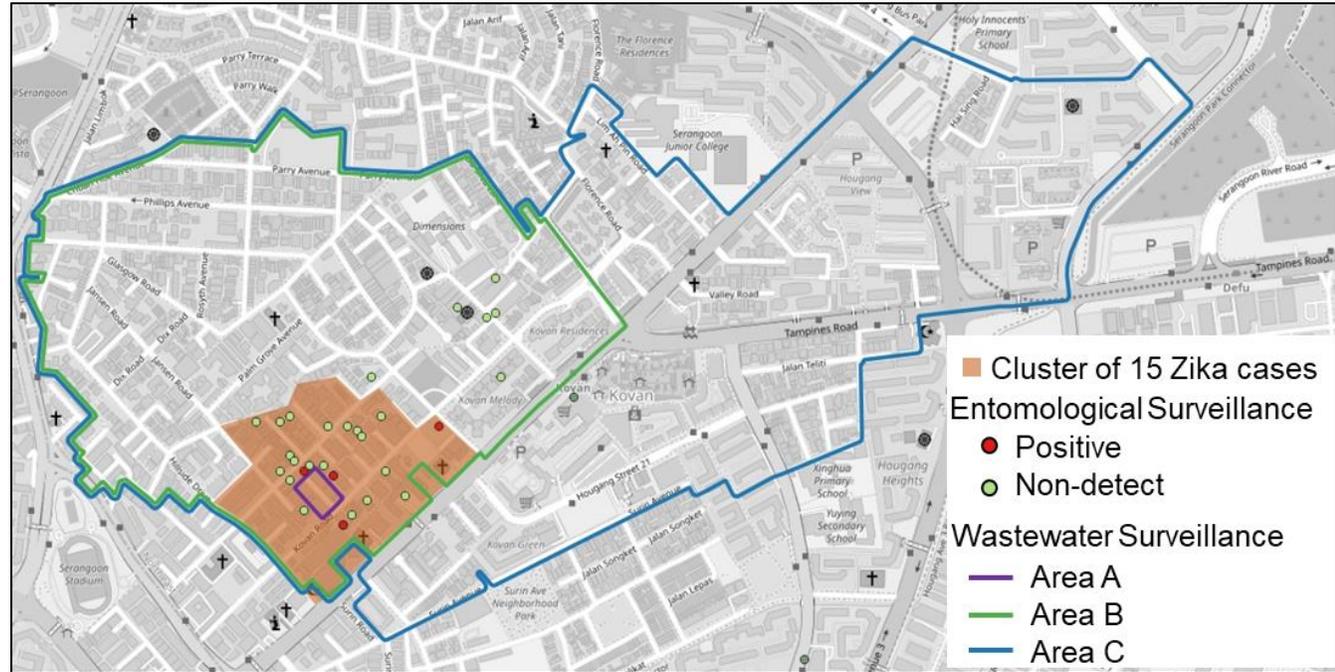
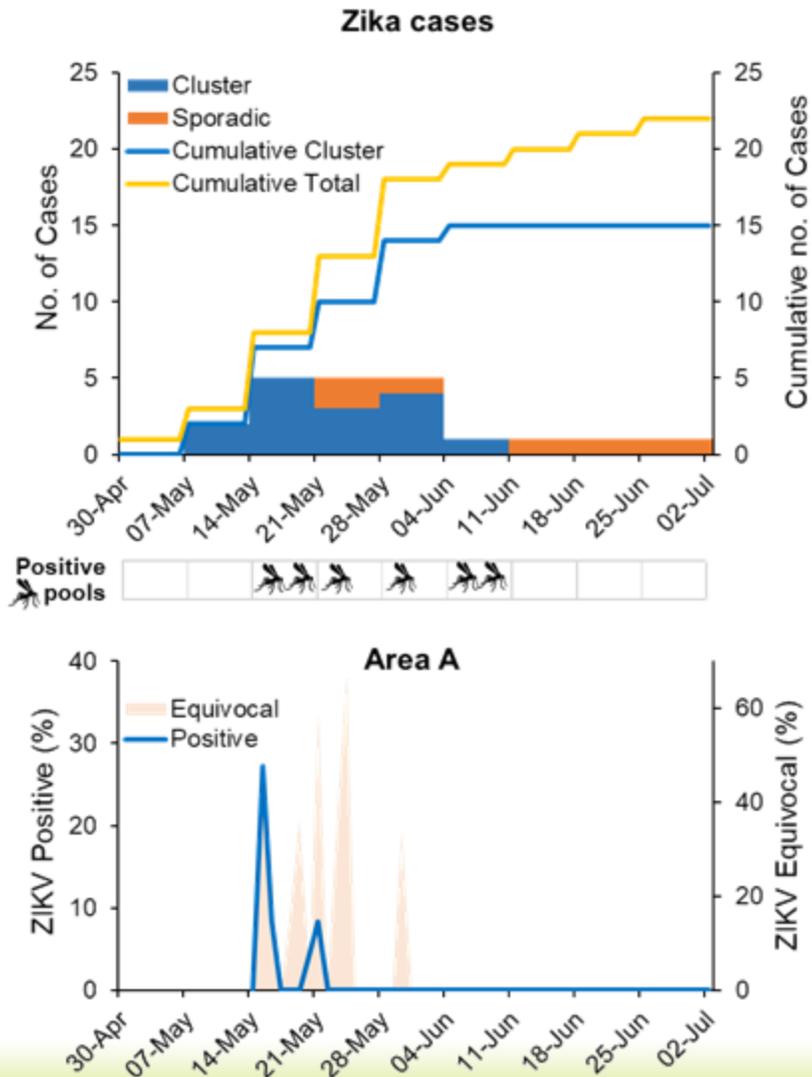
- Collection and testing of *Aedes* mosquitoes from areas with reported clusters



Information guides:

- Risk communications
- Vector control
- Further surveillance

# Positive ZIKV wastewater signals corroborates rise in cases at cluster; *A. aegypti* & *A. aegypti* with ZIKV positive heads/thoraces & abdomens



	Positive <i>Aedes</i> spp.	Head/thorax & Abdomen	Abdomen	Not able to dissect
<i>A. aegypti</i>	1	1	0	2
<i>A. albopictus</i>	1	1	1	1

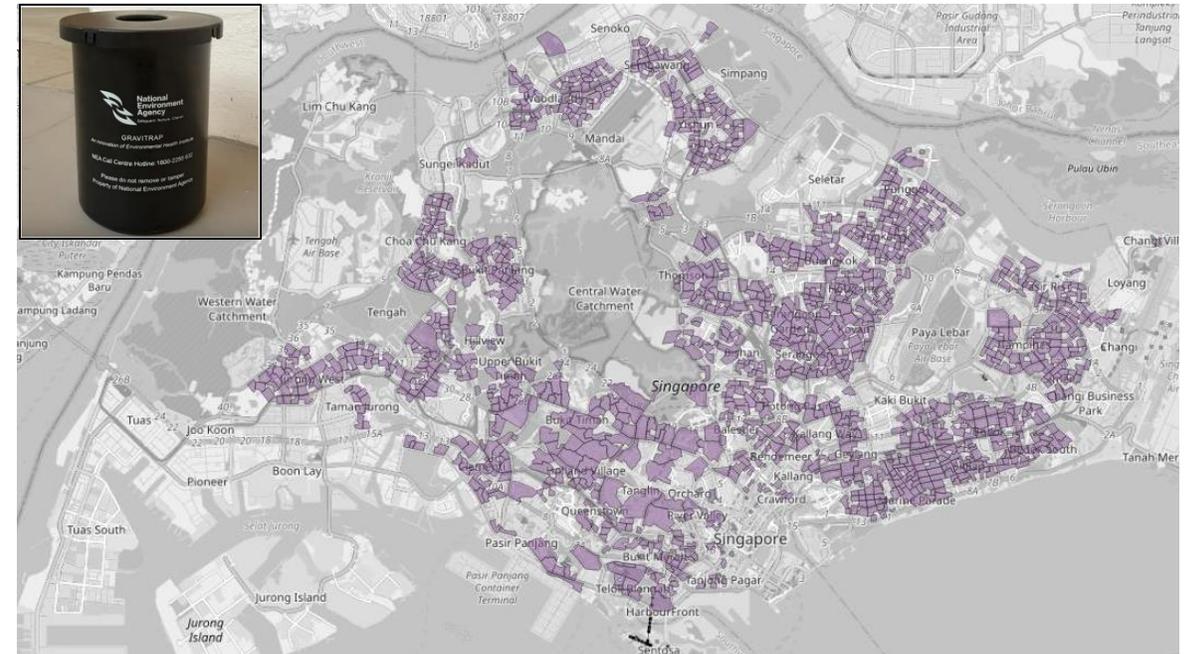
# Non-detection of ZIKV RNA in wastewater & mosquito samples from other sites

Restriction of positive signals to within the neighbourhood suggests limited transmission of Zika



## ZIKV RNA not detected in other wastewater samples

- Leveraged COVID-19 wastewater network of 500 autosamplers
- ~3800 samples tested from May – July 23

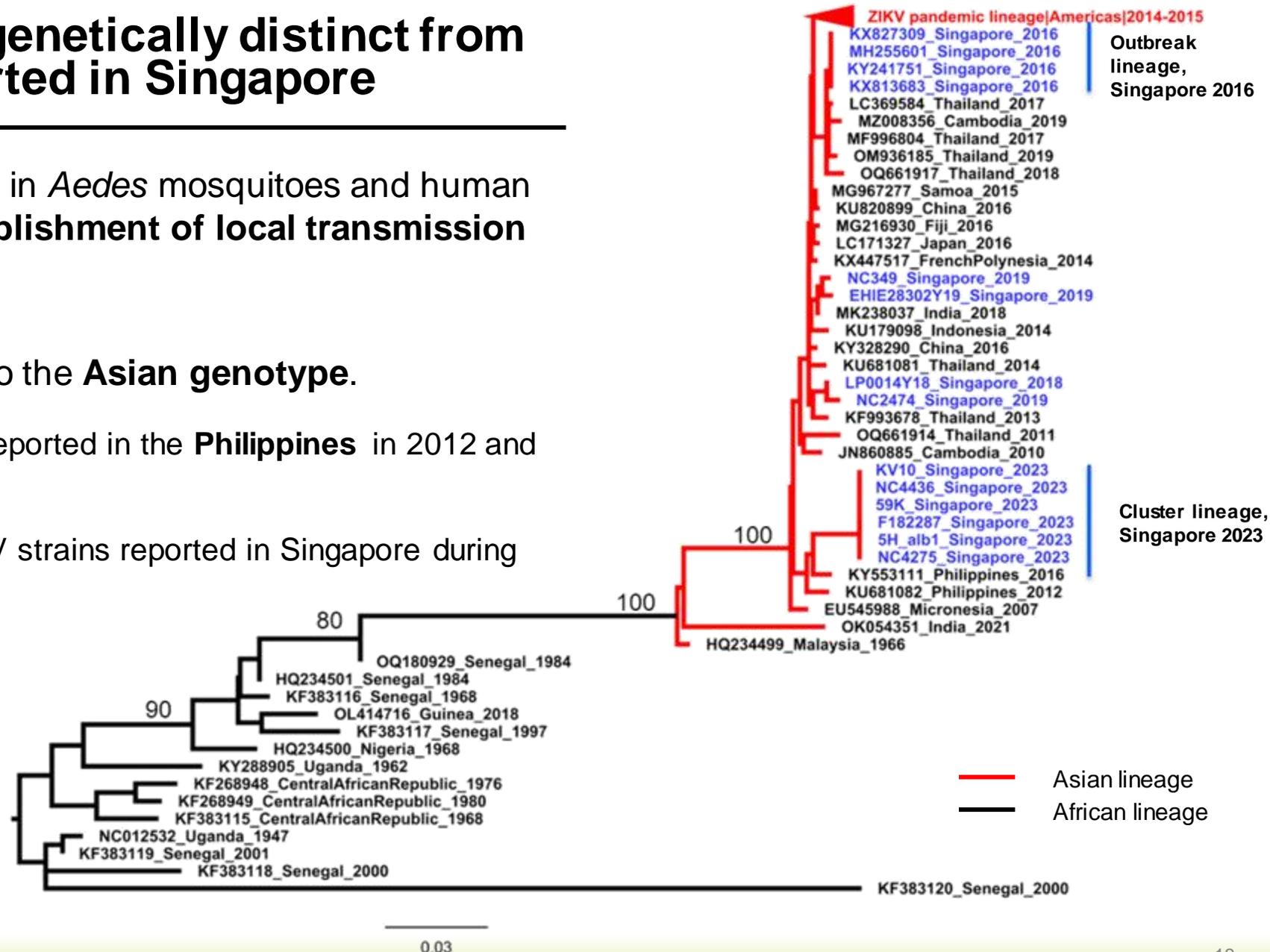


## No positive mosquitoes in areas with sporadic cases

- Leveraged network of 70,000 Gravitraps deployed islandwide to monitor *Aedes* population
- Screened only samples from areas with cases
- ~1800 samples from April – July 23

# ZIKV strain in 2023 is genetically distinct from previous strains reported in Singapore

- Identical *E* gene sequences in *Aedes* mosquitoes and human samples confirmed the establishment of local transmission of ZIKV.
- 2023 ZIKV strains belonged to the **Asian genotype**.
  - Genetically closest to ZIKV reported in the **Philippines** in 2012 and 2016.
  - Genetically distinct from ZIKV strains reported in Singapore during the **outbreak in 2016**.



ZIKV envelope gene-based phylogenetic tree constructed with Maximum Likelihood

# Summary

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- Low seroprevalence of Zika in Singapore
  - 3.3% ZIKV IgG ELISA positive, of which 34% had neutralising antibodies using ZIKV PRNT
  - Serosurvey of ~3,600 healthy blood donors in 2017
- Sporadic cases reported, with no constant Zika transmission
- Presence of competent vectors necessitates case, vector and wastewater surveillance
- Wastewater surveillance as a novel, non-intrusive approach to monitor the spread of Zika

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# Zika Virus Disease in the Region of the Americas

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# Introduction of Zika Virus in the Region of the Americas, 2014

- **On March 3, 2014, Chile reported autochthonous ZIKAV transmission on Easter Island.** The presence of the virus was detected until June of that year on the island.
- **In March 2015, Brazil reported a large outbreak of exanthematic disease** (7,000 cases between February and April).
- **On April 29 2015, the first cases of Zika were confirmed in the State of Bahia** in the northeast of the country.
- **On May 7, PAHO issued the epidemiological alert "Zika virus infection",** describing the disease and giving recommendations for its surveillance, case management, and prevention and control actions.



## Association of Zika Virus with Guillain-Barré Syndrome and Microcephaly

- On July 9, 2015, Brazil described an association between ZIKAV infection and Guillain-Barré syndrome; 26 cases of GBS with confirmation of Zika were identified in Bahia.
- On October 23 of the same year, the country notified PAHO of an unusual increase in microcephaly cases since August and identified its association with Zika infection.
- In Brazil, as of week 1 of 2016, **3,530 cases of microcephaly** were registered (including 436 deaths), the annual average from 2010 to 2014 was **163 cases**.
- The observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations led to the declaration of a **Public Health Emergency of International Concern on February 1, 2016**

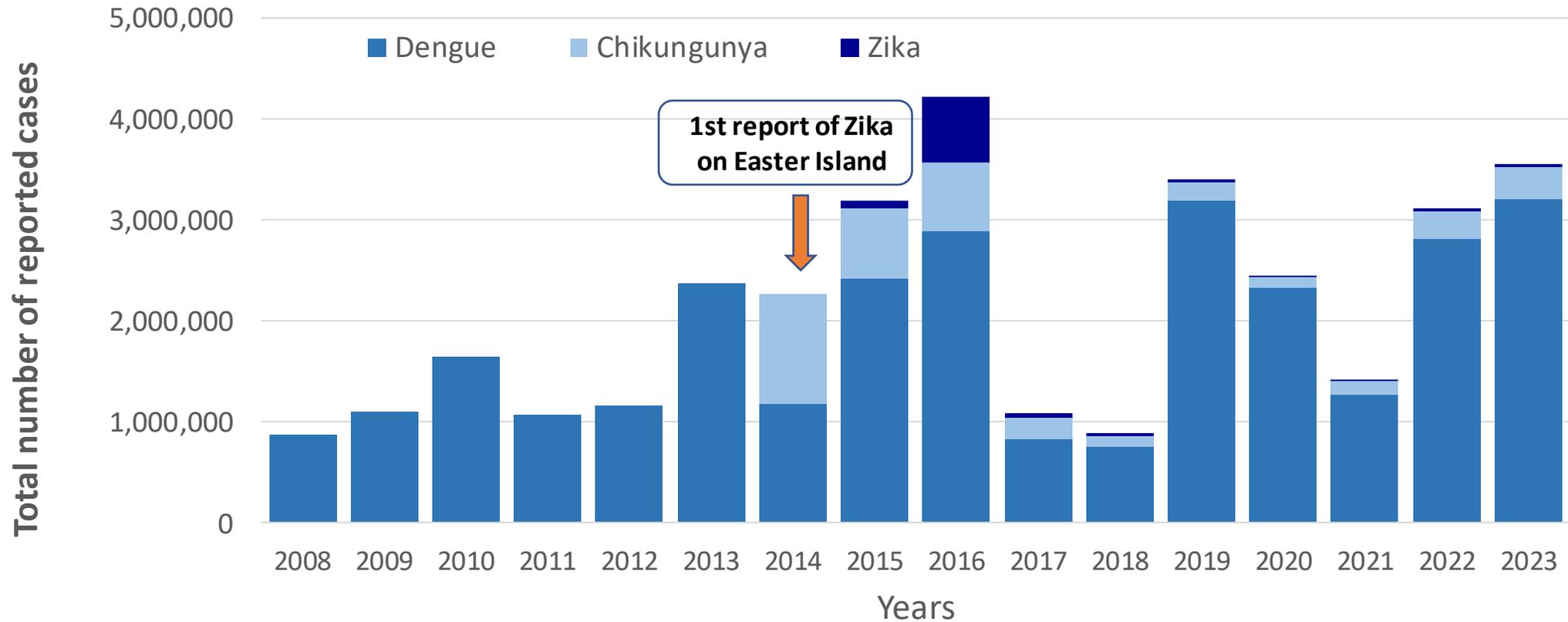


**GBS and other neurological complications**



**Congenital Zika Syndrome**

# Total Number of Reported Cases of Arboviruses in the Region of the Americas, 2008 – 2023 (EW31)



□ In the period from 2015 to 2023, cases of Zika virus disease represent 5.78% of reported cases of arboviral diseases

# Spread of Zika Virus in the Region of the Americas, 2015-2016

October 2015



October-December 2015



January-March 2016



☐ From 2015 to 2016, 48 countries were affected

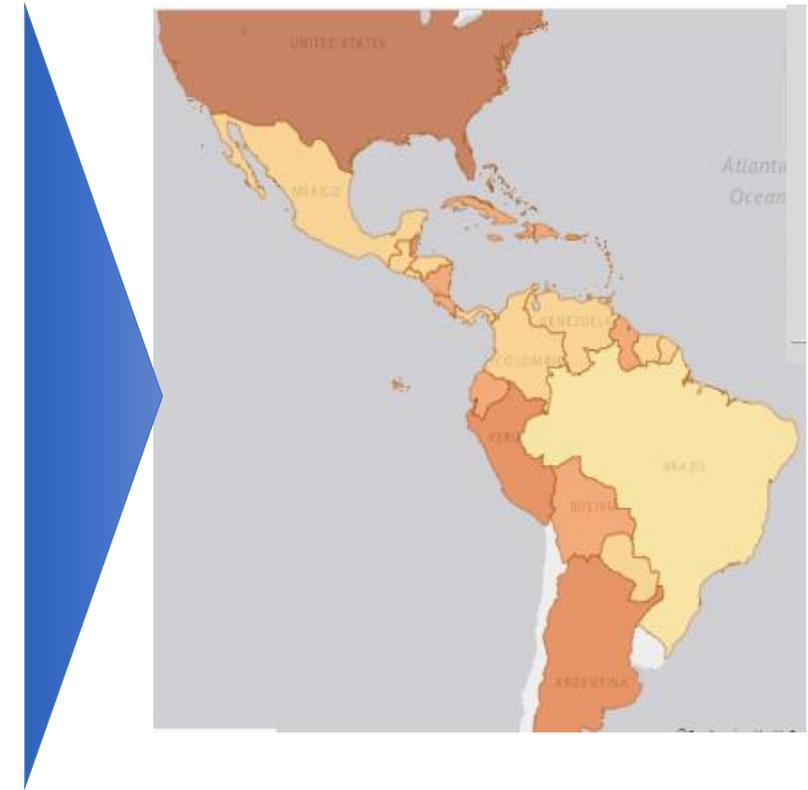
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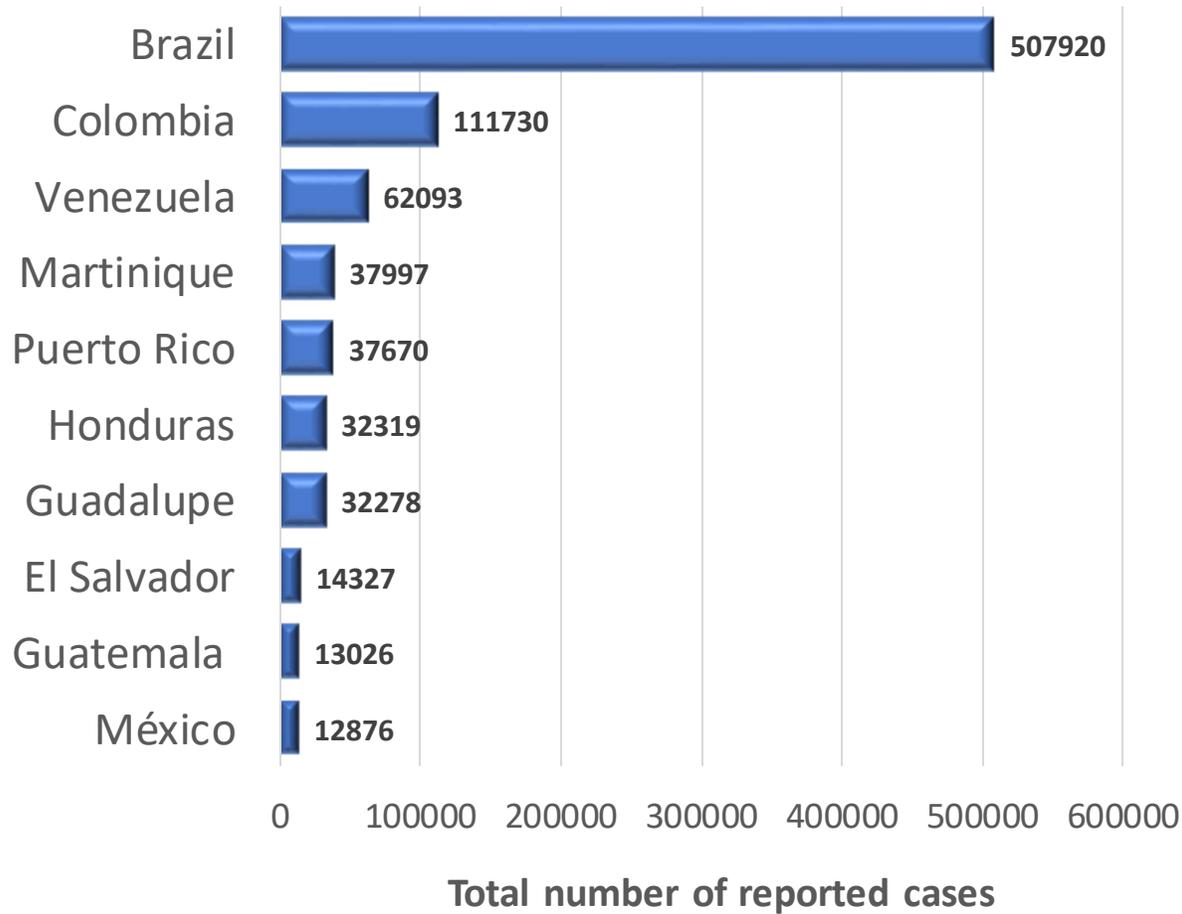
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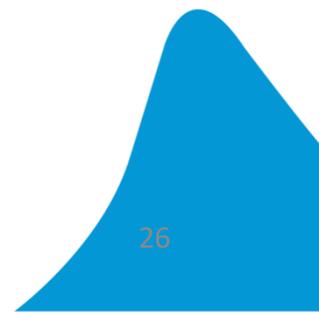
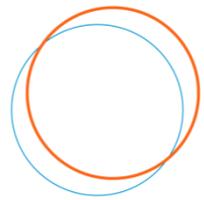
October-December 2016



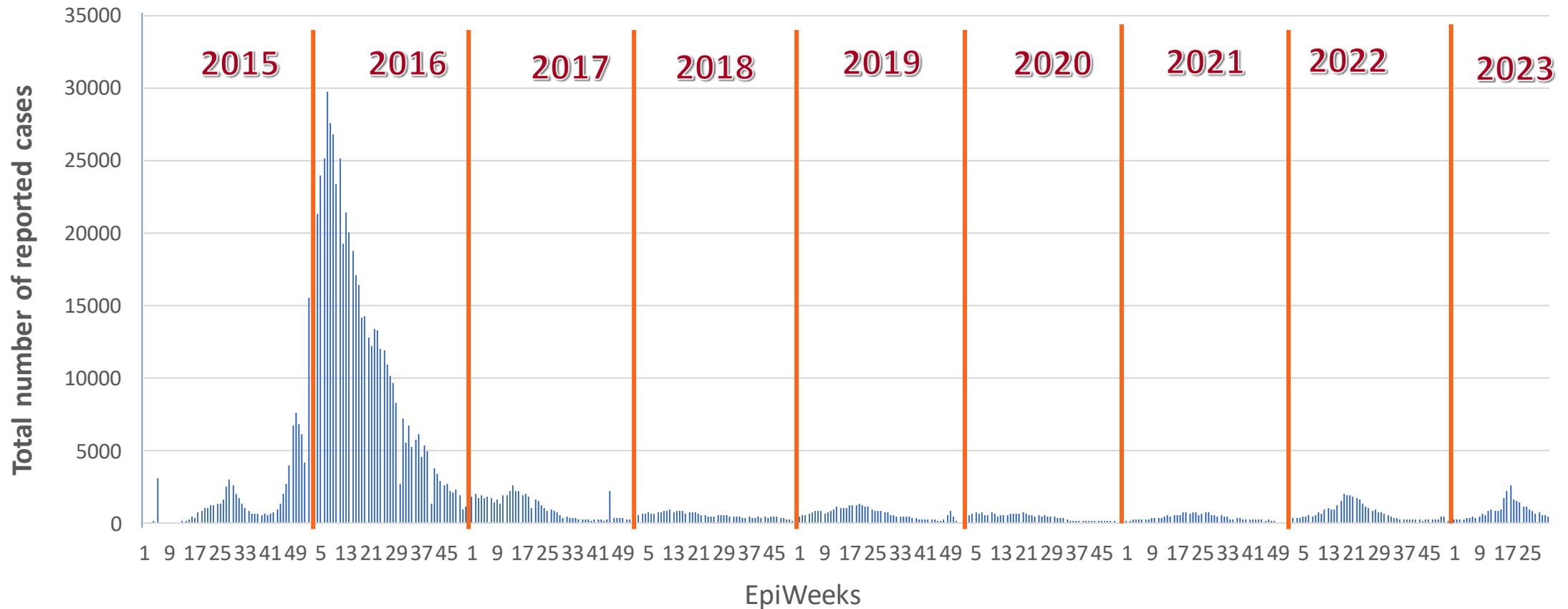
# Zika Virus Disease Cases in Most Affected Countries in the Region of the Americas, 2014-2023(EW31)



- ❑ Ten countries concentrate 89% (862,236) of the cases of Zika virus disease reported in the Region in the period from 2014 to 2023 (EW31).
- ❑ In the period, Brazil concentrated 52% (507,920) of the cases in the Region, followed by Colombia with 12% and Venezuela with 6%.
- ❑ Martinique and Guadeloupe have the highest incidence due to the epidemics that occurred in 2016; subsequently no case report
- ❑ Although Brazil reports the highest number of Zika cases, it ranks fourth in incidence with 57 cases per 100,000 population.



# Zika Virus Disease Cases in the Region of the Americas, 2015 - 2023 (EW31)



- ❑ Since its initial detection, **935,999 cases of Zika were reported (27% only have been lab confirmed, 8-35)**
- ❑ **78% of cases were reported in the years 2015 and 2016**
- ❑ **The highest incidence occurred in 2016 with 67.5 cases per 100,000 pop, compared to 2.76 per 100,000 pop for 2023**



Source: Health Information Platform (PLISA), PAHO /OMS

# Case Definition (2022)

Case	Definition
<b>Suspected case+</b>	<p>A person who has a sudden-onset exanthema* that is not explained by other medical conditions and who (or his or her sexual partner) resides in or has visited epidemic or endemic areas during the two weeks prior to the onset of symptoms and has two or more of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Itching</li><li>2. Conjunctivitis (non-purulent/hyperemic)</li><li>3. Joint pain</li><li>4. Myalgia</li><li>5. Periarticular edema</li><li>6. Fever</li></ol>
<b>Probable case</b>	<p>Suspected case of Zika that also has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detection of anti-ZIKV IgM in a single serum sample (collected during the acute or convalescent phase), with negative results for other endemic flaviviruses</li></ul> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Epidemiological link to a confirmed case</li></ul>
<b>Confirmed case</b>	<p>Patient who meets the criteria of a suspected case and has laboratory confirmation of recent ZIKV infection, i.e., presence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ZIKV RNA or isolation in serum or other samples (e.g., urine, saliva, tissues or whole blood, CSF), or</li><li>• positive anti-ZIKV IgM antibodies and plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT) for ZIKV titers <math>\geq 10</math> and without titers for other flaviviruses, or</li><li>• In deceased patients, molecular detection of the viral genome from autopsy tissue, fresh or paraffin with in situ hybridization tests.</li></ul>

+ A suspected case is also considered to be any pregnant woman who has an acute onset exanthema\* that is not explained by other medical conditions and who (or her sexual partner) resides in or has traveled in the previous 14 days to an area with Zika transmission. Do confirmatory testing for Zika and other exanthematous diseases (e.g., measles, rubella).

\* The exanthema is usually maculopapular, cephalocaudal distribution and accompanied by pruritus.

# Considerations

- ❑ With the exception of Canada, Chile (Mainland), and Uruguay, all countries and territories in the Region of the Americas have reported autochthonous cases of Zika virus disease.
- ❑ The years of 2015 and 2016 were the years with the highest number of cases; 78% of cases since the introduction of ZIKAV to the Region
- ❑ Despite the reduction in incidence since 2016, it is necessary to maintain continued information sharing, even in light of waning interest and considering the accumulation of susceptible people
- ❑ It is necessary to establish a system for detection and reporting of cases with neurological conditions and congenital malformations associated with ZIKAV
- ❑ An adequate and sufficient laboratory diagnosis must be maintained for the timely detection of ZIKAV circulation that guides control actions.



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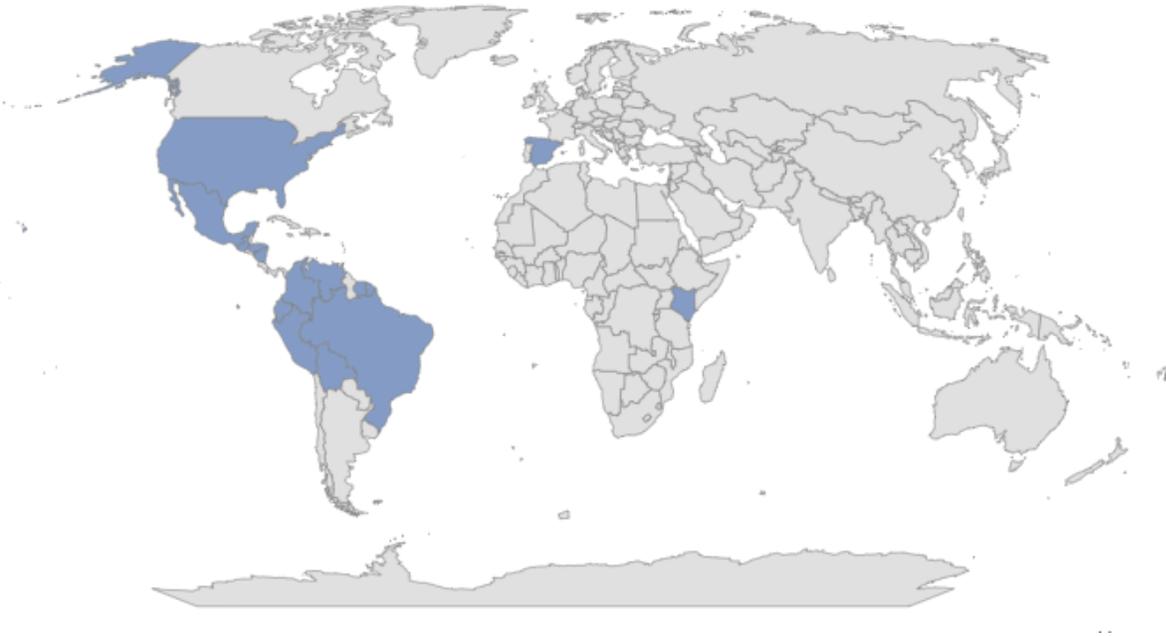


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# ZIKV IPD-MA Project



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**Zika Brazilian  
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# ZIKV IPD-MA Objectives

## Objective 1

Estimate the **absolute and relative risks of fetal infection; miscarriage (<20 weeks gestation), fetal loss (≥ 20 weeks gestation), microcephaly, and other manifestations** of CZS and later developmental delays for women who do and do not experience ZIKV infection during pregnancy.

## Objective 2

Identify **factors that modify** women's risk of adverse ZIKV-related fetal, infant, and child outcomes and infants' risk of infection (e.g. **gestational age** at time of infection, **clinical or subclinical illness**, concurrent or prior **arbovirus exposure**, other **congenital infections**, and other posited effect measure modifiers).

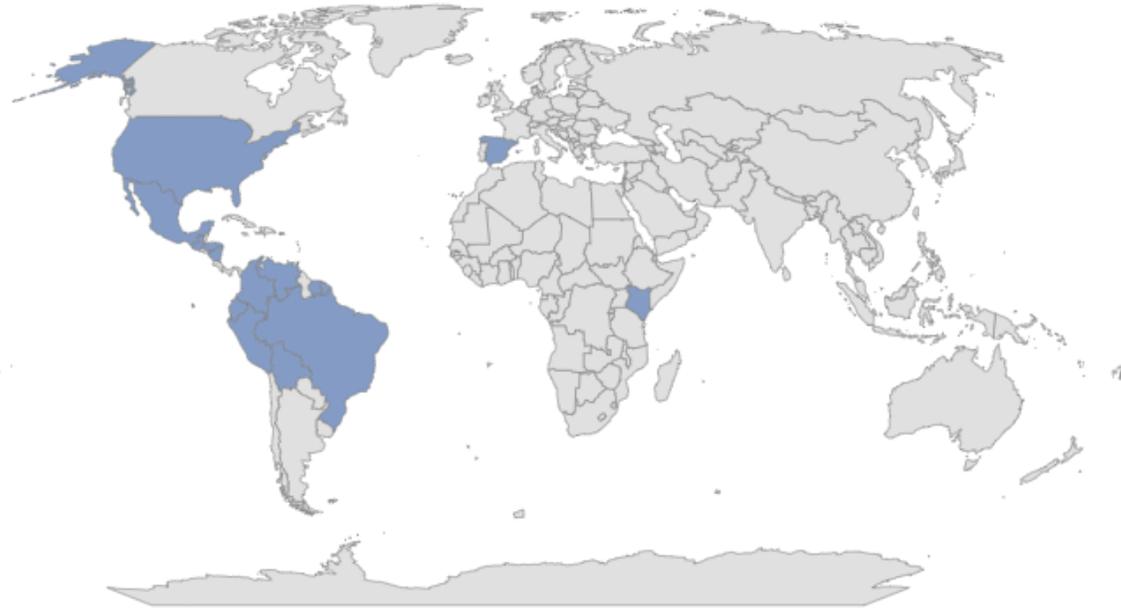
## Objective 3

Use information on the relative importance of different effect measure modifiers identified in Objective 2 to **decompose the total effect** of ZIKV infection during pregnancy on adverse fetal, infant and child outcomes into (1) **the direct effect of ZIKV**; (2) **the indirect effect of ZIKV** as mediated by the effect measure modifier of interest (eg, DENV, CHIKV or STORCH pathogens) and (3) **the effect of the interaction** between ZIKV and the mediator of interest.

## Objective 4

Develop and validate a **risk prediction tool** to identify pregnant women at a **high risk of an adverse ZIKV related outcome** and to inform couples planning a pregnancy, healthcare providers and/or resource mobilization (eg, vector control strategies; antenatal care; open access to contraception).

# ZIKV IPD-MA Project Overview



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**64** participating sites

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**22** participating countries and territories

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**33,061** pregnant women

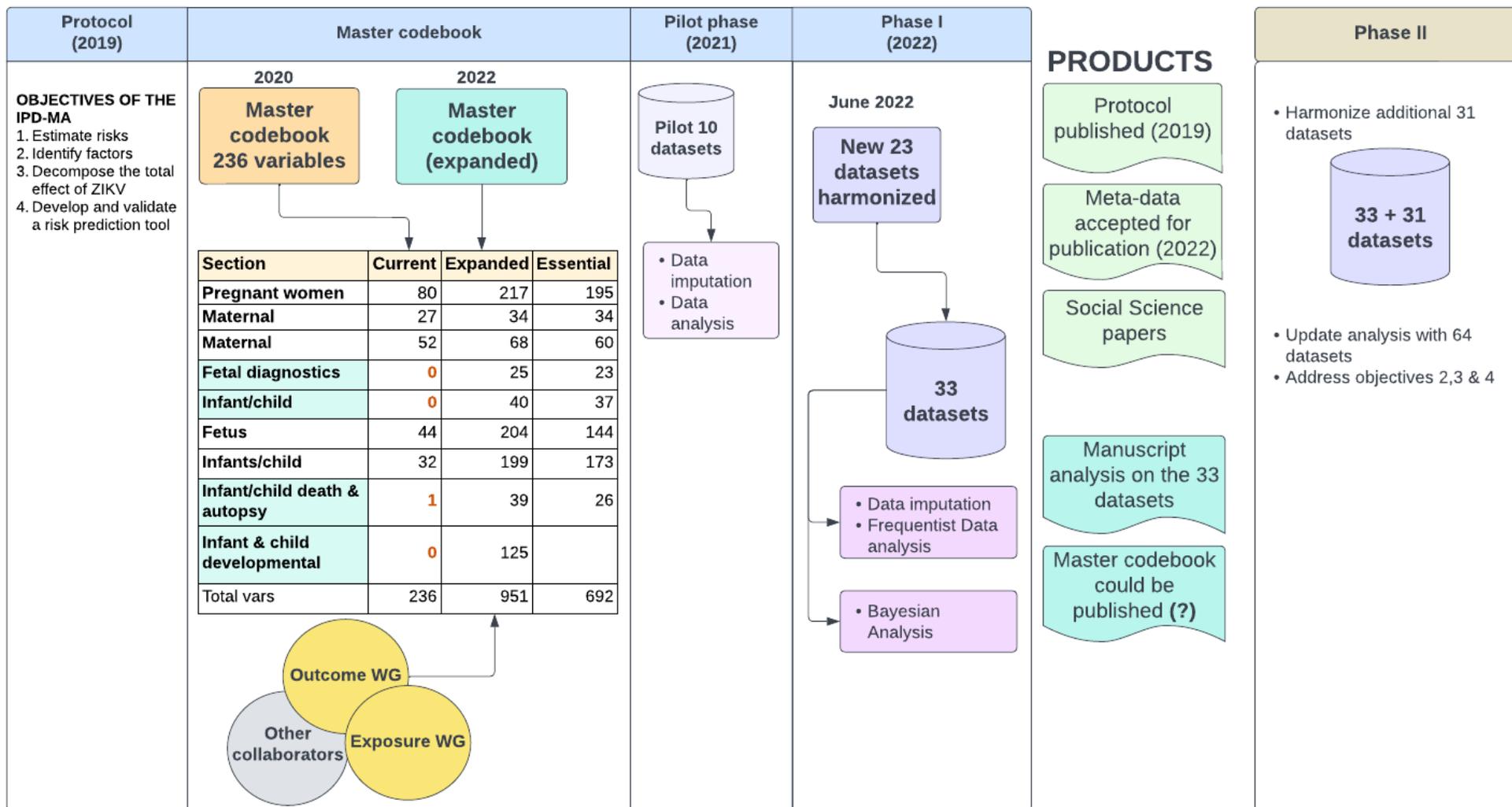
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**11,030** ZIKV+ pregnant women

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**18,281** children

# Milestones and Future Work





# Zika Brazilian Cohorts Consortium

## Objective

To estimate the **risk of adverse outcomes** among offspring of women with **RT-PCR-confirmed ZIKV infection** during pregnancy and to **explore heterogeneity** between studies

*Ximenes et al.*, Microcephaly Epidemic Research Group (MERG). Zika virus infection in pregnancy: Establishing a case definition for clinical research on pregnant women with rash in an active transmission setting. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2019 Oct 7;13(10):e0007763. doi: 10.1371/journal.pntd.0007763. PMID: 31589611; PMCID: PMC6797234.  
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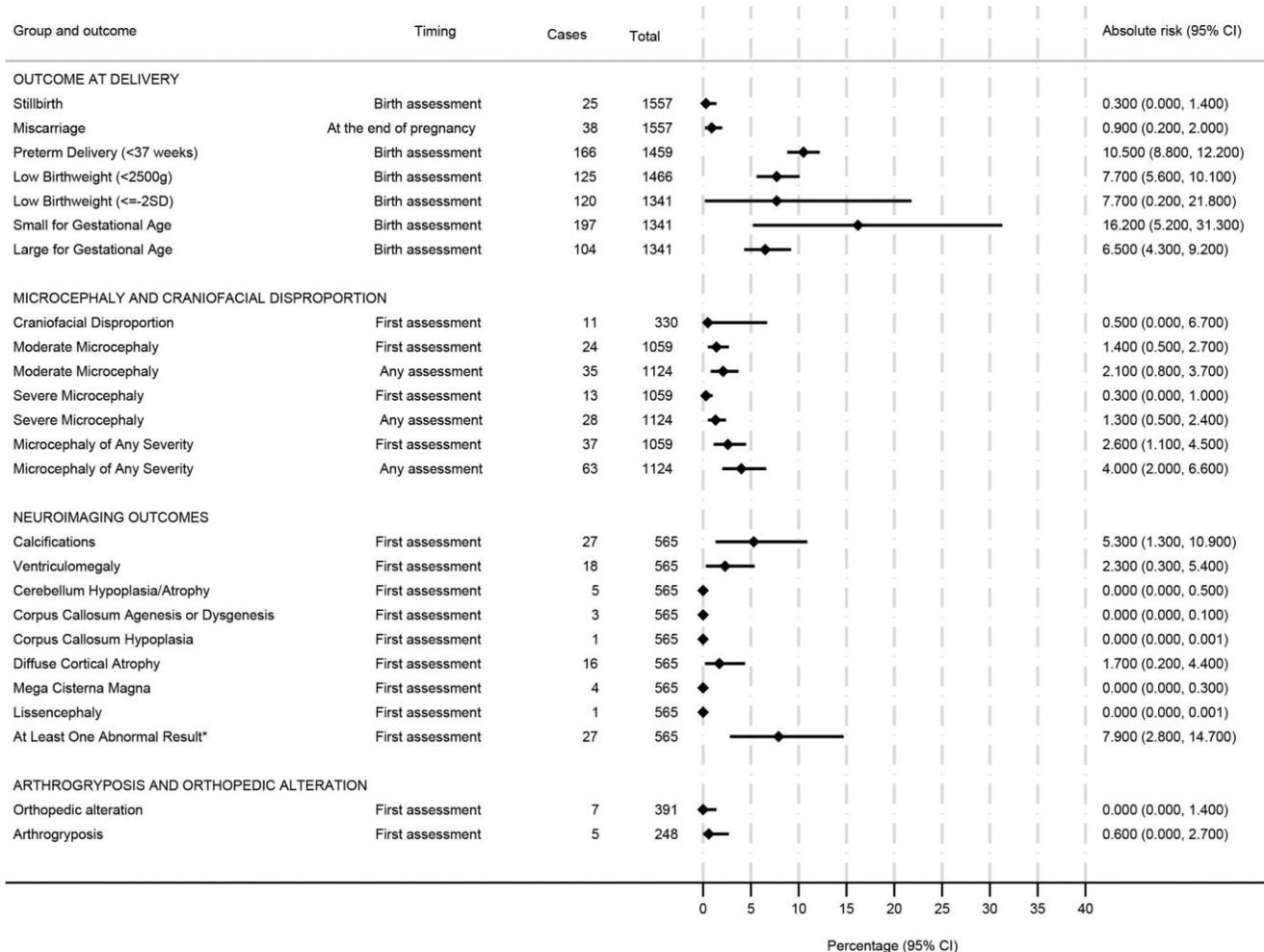


Cohort	Study population	Recruitment dates	ZIKV RT-PCR + pregnant women, n (%)
<b>North Region</b>			<b>404 (26.0%)</b>
Belém	Pregnant women with rash	October 2015–December 2017	82 (5.3%)
Manaus	Pregnant women with rash	December 2015–January 2017	322 (20.7%)
<b>Northeast Region</b>			<b>157 (10.1%)</b>
Campina Grande	Pregnant women with rash	November 2015–October 2016	33 (2.1%)
Recife - MERG	Pregnant women with rash	December 2015–June 2017	108 (7.0%)
Salvador	Pregnant women with rash	February 2016–November 2016	16 (1.0%)
<b>Central-West Region</b>			<b>87 (5.6%)</b>
Tangará da Serra	Pregnant women with rash	January 2016–December 2016	36 (2.3%)
Goiânia	Pregnant women with rash	March 2017–March 2019	51 (3.3%)
<b>Southeast Region</b>			<b>900 (58.2%)</b>
Rio de Janeiro – Ped UFRJ	Pregnant women with rash	November 2015–May 2016	30 (1.9%)
Rio de Janeiro – DMP UFRJ	Pregnant women with rash	April 2016–Present	7 (0.4%)
Rio de Janeiro – IFF-Fiocruz	Pregnant women with rash	September 2015–March 2017	241 (15.6%)
São José do Rio Preto	Pregnant women with rash	February 2016–June 2016	57 (3.7%)
Jundiaí	Pregnant women with high-risk and/or rash	March 2016–August 2018	55 (3.6%)
Ribeirão Preto	Pregnant women with rash	December 2015–July 2016	510 (33.0%)
<b>Total</b>			<b>1548 (100.0%)</b>

Abbreviations: DMP UFRJ, Departamento de Medicina Preventiva, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro; IFF-Fiocruz, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation's Fernandes Figueira Institute; MERG, Microcephaly Epidemic Research Group; PED UFRJ, Departamento de Pediatria, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro.

**Table 1: Women with RT-PCR-confirmed ZIKV infections during pregnancy participating in studies of the ZBC-Consortium.**

# Zika Brazilian Cohorts Consortium



## The absolute risk

### Microcephaly

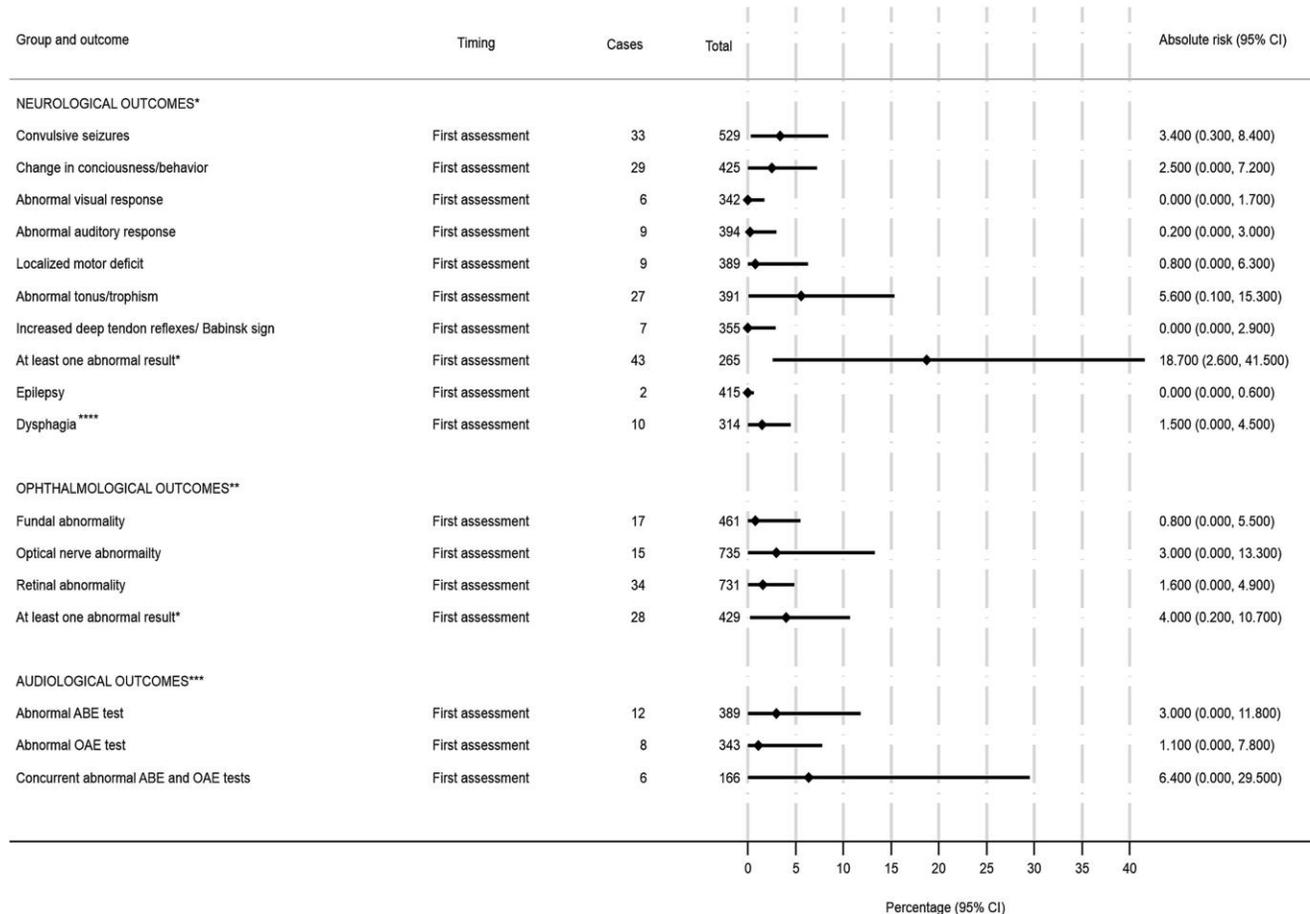
- At birth or at the first evaluation: **2.6%**
- At any time during follow-up: **4.0%**

The risk of severe microcephaly < than that of moderate microcephaly

### Brain imaging abnormalities

- At least one: **7.9%**
- Calcification: **5.3%**
- Ventriculomegaly: **2.3%**

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## The absolute risk

### Neurological outcomes

- At least one abnormal result: **18.7%**
- abnormal tonus/trophism: **5.6%**
- convulsive seizures : **3.4%**
- change in consciousness/behavior: **2.5%**

Ophthalmological outcomes: **4.0%**

Audiological outcomes: **6.4%**

**Overall risk** (at least one: microcephaly, neuroimaging, neurological, or ophthalmic abnormalities)

- at first evaluation: **24.7%**
- At any time: **31.5%**

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	Microcephaly at birth or first evaluation		
	n/N (%)	OR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	p-value
Timing of infection in pregnancy <sup>a</sup>			
First trimester	18/169 (10.6%)	7.52 (2.75–20.6)	<0.001
Second trimester	7/364 (1.9%)	1.23 (0.42–3.57)	0.706
Third trimester	7/441 (1.5%)	1.0	
Missing trimester	5/85	–	–
Highest educational attainment			
Primary education	12/362 (3.3%)	0.80 (0.27–2.30)	0.673
Secondary education	16/382 (4.2%)	1.01 (0.36–2.83)	0.978
University or postgraduate	5/121 (4.1%)	1.0	–
Missing education	4/193	–	–
Skin color			
Branca (White)	16/348 (4.6%)	1.0	–
Parida (Mixed)	8/270 (3.0%)	0.56 (0.22–1.42)	0.219
Preta (Black)	4/79 (5.1%)	1.11 (0.29–4.21)	0.876
Other	0/8 (0%)	–	–
Missing skin color	6/354	–	–
Region			
Northeast	6/115 (5.2%)	1.0	–
North	8/128 (6.2%)	1.21 (0.41–3.60)	0.730
Central-West	3/83 (3.6%)	0.68 (0.17–2.81)	0.595
Southeast	20/732 (2.7%)	0.51 (0.20–1.29)	0.158
	Brain imaging abnormalities after birth		
	n/N (%)	OR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	p-value
Timing of infection in pregnancy <sup>a</sup>			
First	25/138 (18.1%)	17.1 (3.82–76.6)	<0.001
Second	12/254 (4.7%)	3.66 (0.79–17.0)	0.098
Third	2/154 (1.3%)	1.0	

<sup>a</sup>Timing of infection was based on date of rash and/or positive ZIKV RT-PCR test. <sup>b</sup>Estimated using multilevel mixed effects logistic regressions allowing for within-study correlations.

**Table 3: Associations (i) between microcephaly and trimester of infection, maternal education, skin color, and geographic region and (ii) between brain imaging abnormalities and trimester of infection in children born to women with RT-PCR-confirmed ZIKV infections during pregnancy participating in studies of the ZBC-Consortium.**

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## Added value of this study

- **One-third of liveborn children** with prenatal ZIKV exposure present with **at least one abnormality** compatible with congenital infection
- Birth evaluations may **underestimate** the risk of **ZIKV-related microcephaly**.
- The risk of **ZIKV-related microcephaly** is relatively **homogeneous** across study sites and does not appear to be modified across geographic, educational, or racial/ethnic groups.

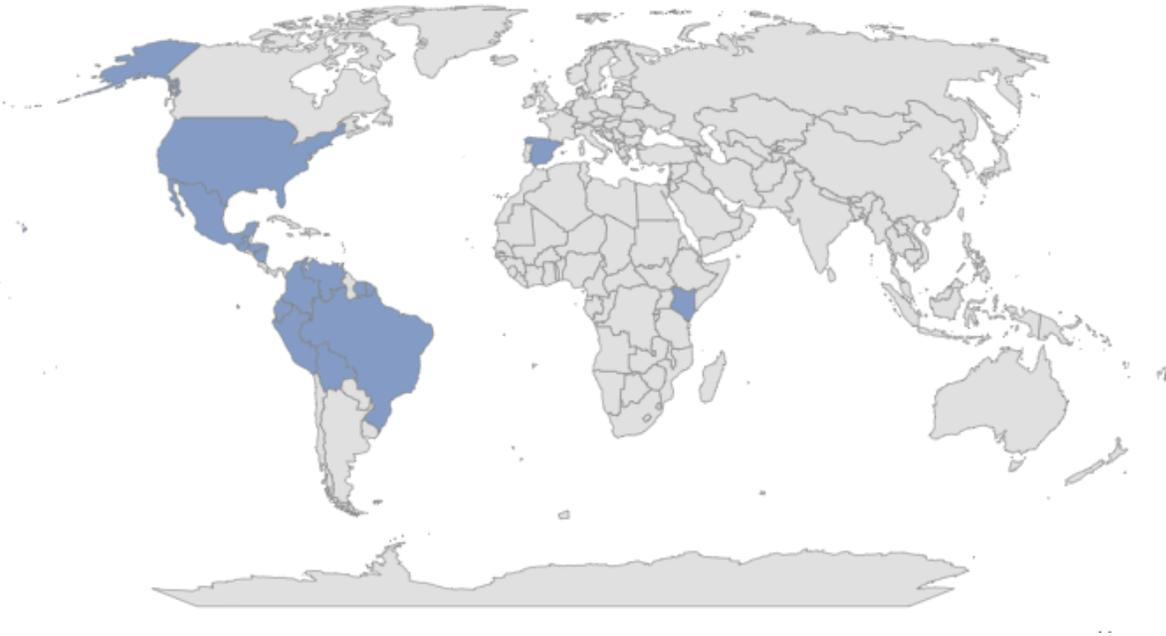
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## Implications of this study

- Need of a **multi-disciplinary health team** available to prenatally exposed children born during the Zika pandemic of 2015–2017.
- Study of **the long-term consequences** of Zika virus infections during pregnancy for school-aged children and their families in Brazil.
- Efforts toward developing affordable and accurate **ZIKV diagnostic and screening tests** remain critically important.
- The use of these tests for **early detection** of circulating ZIKV **in communities** to enable rapid deployment of public health measures for averting new epidemics

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