ZIKA PROGRESS
Tracking WHO's global response to Zika virus.

1 FEBRUARY 2016
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED

7 MAY 2015
Epidemiological alerts

WHO/PAHO release an epidemiological alert for possible Zika virus infection in Brazil. The Organization recommends that countries establish and maintain Zika virus infection detection, clinical management and community engagement strategies to reduce transmission of the virus.

30 NOVEMBER 2015
Mission to Brazil

WHO/PAHO 5-day mission to Brazil with an international team of experts to:

- Review epidemiological and clinical data
- Provide input on a case-control studies
- Assess lab capacity and infrastructure of the country

1 FEBRUARY 2016
Zika Website

Zika emergency website published, with updates and information on Zika and its complications

4 FEBRUARY 2016
Data Sharing

Data sharing in public health emergencies. WHO creates Zika Open to encourage all researchers to share data rapidly and make them freely available for unrestricted use, distribution and reproduction.
5 FEBRUARY 2016  
**Situation Reports**

*First weekly Zika situation report released with the latest epidemiological information, new developments and progress made.*

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12 FEBRUARY 2016  
**Health Care Guidance**

*First of a series of technical documents to guide health workers and ministries of health on pregnancy management, surveillance, mosquito control, blood supply management and sexual transmission.*

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14 FEBRUARY 2016  
**Global Response**

WHO’s [Strategic Response Framework](#) is released to guide the international response to Zika and complications focusing on surveillance, response, and research.

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4 MARCH 2016  
**Zika Phone App**

[Zika smartphone app released](#) for health workers and the general public – available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

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7 MARCH 2016  
**Research & Development**

Expert consultations on Zika research and development and vector control result in new recommendations and progress on diagnostics.