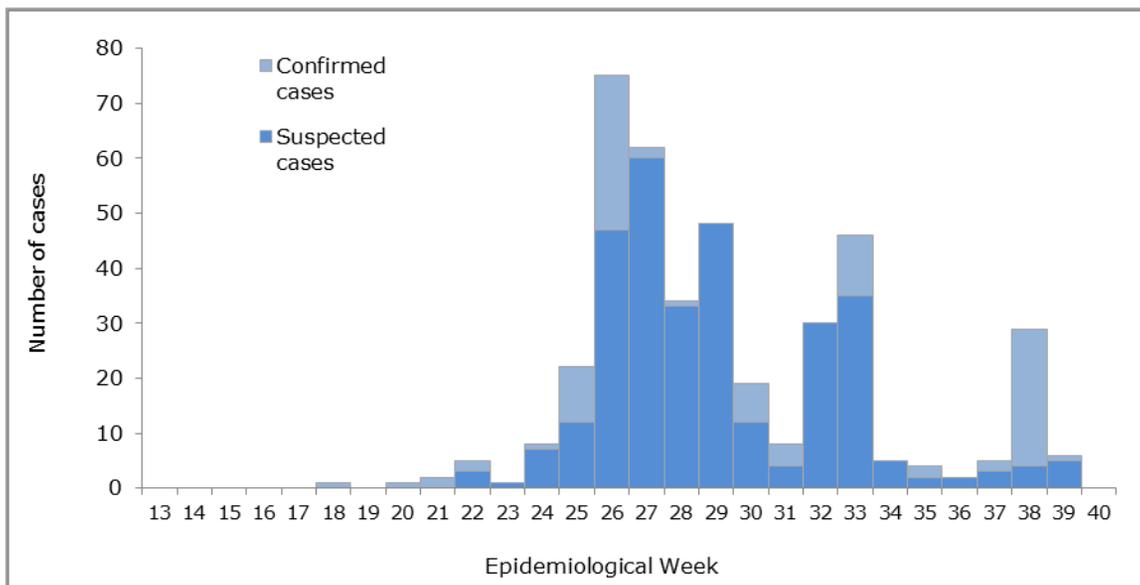


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Figure 1. Suspected and confirmed Zika cases by epidemiological week (EW). Grenada. EW 13 to EW 40 of 2016.



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FIRST AUTOCHTHONOUS VECTOR-BORNE CASES

In epidemiological week (EW) 18 of 2016, the Grenada International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point (NFP) notified PAHO/WHO of the detection of the first laboratory-confirmed autochthonous case of Zika virus disease.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

No information is available on the geographic distribution of cases.

TREND

As of EW 40 of 2016, Grenada has reported 100 confirmed and 313 suspected cases of Zika virus disease.¹ Most of the cases were detected between EW 26 and EW 33 of 2016. Since then, a relatively low number of cases have been reported; however, due to possible delays in case reporting, the trend could change (**Figure 1**).

¹ Reported to PAHO/WHO by the Grenada IHR NFP on 14 October 2016.

CIRCULATION OF OTHER ARBOVIRUSES

In 2016, 115 probable dengue cases (incidence rate of 104 cases per 100,000 population), including 24 laboratory-confirmed cases, were reported in Grenada up to EW 28.² In 2015, 25 laboratory-confirmed cases (23 cases per 100,000) were identified up to EW 52. In 2014, 39 laboratory-confirmed cases (35 cases per 100,000) were reported up to EW 53.

In regard to chikungunya, in 2016, 103 suspected cases (93 cases per 100,000) were reported up to EW 20.³ By contrast, in 2014, 3,070 suspected and 26 laboratory-confirmed cases (cumulative incidence rate of 2,815 cases per 100,000 population) were registered up to EW 46.

ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE IN PREGNANT WOMEN

As of EW 40 of 2016, Grenada health authorities have not reported Zika virus infection in pregnant women.¹ On EW 5 of 2016, the Ministry of Health of Grenada took steps to test Zika virus in pregnant women.⁴

ZIKA COMPLICATIONS

ZIKA-VIRUS-ASSOCIATED GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME (GBS)

As of EW 40 of 2016, nine cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), including one death, have been identified by Grenada health authorities.¹ Three cases have been laboratory-confirmed for Zika virus infection.⁵

CONGENITAL SYNDROME ASSOCIATED WITH ZIKA VIRUS INFECTION

As of EW 40 of 2016, one case of congenital syndrome associated with Zika virus infection has been reported by Grenada health authorities.¹

DEATHS AMONG ZIKA CASES

As of EW 40 of 2016, no deaths among Zika cases have been reported by Grenada health authorities.¹

NATIONAL ZIKA SURVEILLANCE GUIDELINES

No information is available on the national guidelines for Zika virus surveillance.

LABORATORY CAPACITY

Grenada sends samples from suspected cases of Zika virus disease to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for molecular confirmation (real-time RT-PCR).

² PAHO/WHO. Data, Maps and Statistics. Number of reported cases of Dengue and Severe Dengue (SD) in the Americas. Available at: http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_topics&view=rdmore&cid=6290&Itemid=40734

³ PAHO/WHO. Chikungunya: Statistic Data. Number of reported cases of Chikungunya Fever in the Americas. Available at: http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_topics&view=readall&cid=5927&Itemid=40931&lang=en

⁴ Grenada Ministry of Health. News Release. EW 5 of 2016. Available at: http://health.gov.gd/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=413:grenada-government-giving-pregnant-women-priority&catid=83:latest-news&Itemid=909&lang=en

⁵ Grenada Ministry of Health. News Release. EW 6 of 2016. Available at: http://health.gov.gd/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=434:nine-confirmed-zika-cases-in-grenada&catid=83:latest-news&Itemid=932&lang=en

INFORMATION-SHARING

Official preliminary data on Zika virus was shared by the Grenada IHR NFP on EW 18 of 2016. At the time of this report, the latest information provided by the Grenada IHR National Focal Point was from EW 40 of 2016.