Figure 1. Suspected Zika cases by epidemiological week (EW). Martinique. EW 47 of 2015 to EW 41 of 2016.

Source: Data published by the Cire Antilles Guyane and reproduced by PAHO/WHO

FIRST AUTOCHTHONOUS VECTOR-BORNE CASES

In epidemiological week (EW) 51 of 2015, the France International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point (NFP) notified PAHO/WHO of the detection of the first two autochthonous vector-borne cases of Zika virus in Martinique.

Martinique health authorities declared that the outbreak ended in Martinique in EW 41.¹

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Between EW 43 and EW 46 of 2016, four laboratory-confirmed cases were detected in the communes of Fort-de-France (2), Robert (1), and Saint-Joseph (1).¹

**TREND**

Since the emergence of Zika virus up to the end of the outbreak, 36,680 suspected cases were reported in Martinique (Figure 1). The majority of the cases were reported between EW 3 and EW 23 of 2016.

**CIRCULATION OF OTHER ARBOVIRUSES**

Between EW 1 and EW 40 of 2016, 13 confirmed dengue cases have been reported (Figure 2). Throughout this period, the number of suspected dengue cases remained below the epidemic threshold level, with the exception of EW 7 of 2016, when a slightly higher number of suspected dengue cases was reported.

**Figure 2.** Suspected dengue cases by EW. Martinique. EW 1 of 2012 to EW 40 of 2016.

Between EW 1 and EW 40 of 2016, 65 suspected cases of chikungunya, including one laboratory-confirmed case, were reported. In 2015, during the same period, 585 suspected cases of chikungunya were detected.

**ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE IN PREGNANT WOMEN**

Since the beginning of the outbreak up to EW 46 of 2016, 568 pregnant women with laboratory-confirmed Zika virus infection have been reported by Martinique health authorities. Some women have already completed their pregnancy.  

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ZIKA COMPLICATIONS

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

As of EW 46 of 2016, Martinique health authorities have reported 32 patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), of whom 28 have been confirmed with Zika virus infection. Five other patients with severe neurological syndromes have tested positive for Zika. The death of a GBS patient with confirmed Zika virus infection has also been reported.1

CONGENITAL SYNDROME ASSOCIATED WITH ZIKA VIRUS INFECTION

As of EW 44 of 2016, seven cases of congenital microcephaly and seven cases of other cerebral malformations detected by ultrasound in pregnant women with confirmed Zika virus infection have been reported.3 One CNS malformation was detected in a newborn from a mother with confirmed Zika virus infection.

DEATHS AMONG ZIKA CASES

As of EW 46 of 2016, the death of a GBS patient with laboratory-confirmed Zika virus infection has been reported in Martinique (mentioned above).

NATIONAL ZIKA SURVEILLANCE GUIDELINES

The Cire Antilles Guyane has implemented a “surveillance program, alert and management of epidemics” with an integrated preparedness and response plan for vector-borne diseases. More information is available at:

http://www.invs.sante.fr/Dossiers-thematiques/Maladies-infectieuses/Maladies-a-transmission-vectorielle/Zika/Le-systeme-de-surveillance

INFORMATION-SHARING

The Cire Antilles Guyane publishes a weekly epidemiological bulletin on Zika virus. At the time of this report, the latest Regional Health Agency epidemiological bulletin was from EW 46 of 2016.