

UNICEF Seeks \$9 Million to Fight Zika



Paris, February 2 (RHC)-- UNICEF is asking for \$9 million for its programs in the Americas to curb the spread of Zika virus and lessen its impact on babies and their families across the region.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the U.N. children's agency said it would focus on educating communities in Brazil on how to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and how to wipe out their breeding sites.

Dr. Heather Papowitz, UNICEF's senior adviser for health emergencies, commented: "Although there is still no conclusive evidence of the causal link between microcephaly and the Zika virus, there is enough concern to warrant immediate action."

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