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Male Partner Engagement in Antenatal Care and Zika-related Health Care

The Zika virus, transmitted through mosquito bites, through mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy or through sexual contact, spread rapidly across 27 countries in the Western Hemisphere from 2015 through 2017.¹ If a pregnant women is infected, her child is at risk of developing Congenital Syndrome associated with Zika (CSaZ) for which symptoms include microcephaly and a range of other fetal brain defects and developmental delays.¹ Zika thus impacts the lives of women, men, girls, and boys throughout the Latin America and Caribbean region.

While reproductive, maternal, new-born, and child health (RMNCH) and Zika are often incorrectly described as women's issues, we know that men and male partners play a key role. This gender brief highlights male partner engagement in antenatal care and Zika-related health care.



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