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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **196 Workers Trained to Assist Fight Against Mosquito Borne Diseases**

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) in collaboration with the HEART Trust/NTA has trained some 196 temporary vector control workers who will assist the SRHA with its fight against mosquito borne diseases in the southern end of the island.

The training forms part of the Ministry of Health's phase two response to the Zika Virus and is also in collaboration with Members of Parliament and the HEART Trust/NTA.

Regional Environmental Health Officer for the SRHA, Mr. George Sloley says of the 196 workers, 88 workers will be employed in Clarendon, 57 in Manchester and 51 in St. Elizabeth.

He added that the vector control workers were trained in vector control measures particularly as it relates to mosquito breeding and prevention; premises inspection to identify and treat mosquito breeding sites; occupational health and safety; environmental awareness; waste management and health education so as to provide information and support residents in reducing mosquito breeding sites.

For the Regional Environmental Health Officer, the additional vector control workers will greatly boost vector control activities in the southern region as: "The workers will improve community awareness as more persons will be on the ground providing health education, doing community inspections and mobilizing citizens to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes on their premises."

The training was well received by participants such as Ms. Melody Brown who believes everyone must play their part in reducing the breeding sites of mosquitoes. She added that vector control is now more important for her as a citizen and she is encouraging Jamaicans to keep their surroundings clean and to control waste which greatly contributes to the breeding of mosquitoes.

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