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PRESS RELEASE

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Operation: Mosquito Search and Destroy Heads to Manchester, Saturday, April 9

The fourth "Operation: Mosquito Search and Destroy" clean-up campaign heads to Manchester, this Saturday, April 9.

Spearheaded by the Ministry of Health with the overall objective of promoting community participation in the identification and destruction of the breeding sites of the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, the campaign will be launched on Saturday, April 9, 2016 on the greens in the Mandeville town centre at 9: 00 a.m.

Three legs of the operation have been successfully completed in St. Ann, St. Thomas and St. Catherine and will be executed in all 14 parishes over time. The campaign is part of the Ministry's Zika virus preparedness and response activities.

In addition to the removal of bulky and other waste that are breeding sites for the Aedes aegypti mosquito, participants will be distributing educational materials as well as showing residents how to identify the different breeding sites and the corrective measures to be taken.

Regional Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority, Michael Bent explained that following a brief launch, participants will then move to the communities within the Greenvale district for the operation.

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