



APPEAL FOR VECTOR CONTROL SUPPORT

October 2nd, 2017

Dear Colleagues -

On behalf of the newly formed **Caribbean Emergency Vector Control Network** (“the Network”), I would like to extend an urgent appeal for vector control-related support for the countries, territories and communities most impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

As you know, this unprecedented series of storms has left a wake of devastation throughout the region unseen in modern history. While many countries, territories and communities are still in life saving or life sustaining stages of recovery today, **there is a growing urgency to prepare for and respond to the growing threat of vector-borne diseases transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* and other vectors in the coming weeks and months.**

Governments will have little to no resources to rebuild and then strengthen vector control programs in the near future, leaving both vector control recovery efforts and the requirements for advancing stronger vector control in this new post-storm landscape among a long list of many competing priorities.

This is where we come in.

As a community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our leadership and commitment to our colleagues and their missions to advance vector control efforts in service to public health. From chemical manufacturers to distributors, equipment makers to software developers, and community engagement specialists to entomologists, we need to rebuild a number of vector control programs largely from scratch.

Effective October 1st, we are hereby seeking your formal support by way of donated equipment, chemicals, supplies, tools, safety equipment, funds, and expertise. We have established arrangements with a few non-profit organizations to enable tax-deductible donations – in-kind or cash.

Your support now will make a significant difference in the lives of millions of people, and it’s up to us to get this effort going.

Call us or visit response.vectorstars.co for more information, instructions and specific requests.

Sincerely,

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