## WHAT IS THE ZIKA VIRUS?

Zika is an emerging disease. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected female mosquito.

There are about 3,500 species of mosquitoes in the world. Only the mosquito species *Aedes aegypti* is known to transmit the Zika virus. Experts suspect that other species of the *Aedes* genus of mosquitoes, particularly the *Aedes albopictus* mosquito, are also capable of transmitting the virus.