Statement on Containment of Zika Virus

March 16, 2016 (Phoenix, AZ)—Food for the Hungry, an international humanitarian organization based in Phoenix and with significant success in battling other mosquito-borne diseases, has formed an internal Zika Task Force to help contain the disease. The group with Food for the Hungry representatives located across the world encompasses experts in humanitarian relief, disaster preparedness and preventive health education.

“We have a presence in more than 20 countries, and we must work to protect those we are helping to end extreme poverty as well as our employees and visitors who may be exposed to the Zika Virus,” said Food for the Hungry CEO Gary Edmonds. “Given Food for the Hungry’s track record in battling diseases like malaria and cholera in impoverished communities with health education, mosquito nets and good hygiene practices, we knew we had to respond to this outbreak. Currently, we are guiding our employees and visitors to follow the World Health Organization’s prevention techniques and will continue to monitor the developing situation.”