Dengue fever is ranked by the World Health Organization as the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne viral disease in the world, with a 30-fold increase in global incidence over the past 50 years. Monash researchers have discovered that transferring Wolbachia bacteria to Aedes aegypti mosquitoes reduces their ability to transmit dengue, and other harmful human viruses such as chikungunya and Zika. The pioneering Eliminate Dengue research program led by Professor Scott O’Neill receives funding from multiple sources including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the Grand Challenges in Global Health Initiative. Project partners in Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, Colombia and Australia are currently conducting local trials of the method.

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