



## Indonesia breeds 'good' mosquitoes to combat dengue fever

The Indonesian city of Yogyakarta is using an unconventional method to tackle dengue fever – by using mosquitoes.

The World Mosquito Programme has been breeding mosquitoes with Wolbachia, a common bacteria that makes it difficult for viruses to reproduce in their hosts.

The aim is for the so-called good mosquitoes to breed with other mosquitoes, including the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito species, which carries dengue, Zika and other viral diseases.

Researchers hope the approach can eliminate dengue fever and other mosquito-borne diseases in the country. -South China Morning Post, [www.sc.mp/kxav](http://www.sc.mp/kxav), November 2, 2021