The World Mosquito Program (previously Eliminate Dengue Program) began working in Vietnam in 2006, with oversight by the Ministry of Health.

The first small-scale pilot releases of Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes were carried out on Tri Nguyen Island in 2013 and in 2018 in Vinh Luong, a community north of Nha Trang, the coastal capital of Khanh Hoa province.

Our teams continue to monitor the mosquito in the release sites to confirm the establishment of Wolbachia, along with dengue case data to ensure that the project provides a self-sustaining and long-lasting protection against dengue.

A release is also scheduled for two sites outside Ho Chi Minh City in Southern Vietnam; in My Tho City in Tien Giang Province and Thu Dau Mot City in Binh Duong Province.

**Public Acceptance** measured by survey:
- Tri Nguyen Island: 97.2%
- Vinh Luong: 97.0%

**Project Sites**:
- 2 project sites
- Size of the project: 39 km²
- 280,000 people reached

**Samples of Public Acceptance Surveys**:
- 4500 samples

**Volunteers who released mosquitoes**:
- 111

**BG Traps** hosted:
- 60

**Partners and supporters**:
- 5

Monash/WMP used reasonable efforts to confirm this data was up-to-date at the time of publication. Please email contact@worldmosquito.org for our most recent data.
Mosquito-borne disease outbreaks place a lot of pressure on communities and local health systems in Vietnam. We already have a lot of support for our innovative solution and we’re really excited to be working with local health authorities and the community to bring our Wolbachia method to Vinh Luong.

Truong Xuan Do is a 79-year-old retiree living in Vinh Luong. Beginning with his career in the military, Truong has many years’ experience as a medical associate and has been a part of a medical profession that has been struggling with dengue fever for many years.

Truong has been affected personally by the harmful dengue virus, with three of his grandchildren suffering from dengue fever, involving expensive medical bills.

In March 2018, the World Mosquito Program began its first releases of Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes in mainland Vietnam. The project is located in Vinh Luong, a community north of Nha Trang, the coastal capital of Khanh Hoa Province.

Many (Vietnamese) people have limited knowledge about dengue risks, and don’t pay attention to disease prevention measures. Thus, many people have acquired dengue. The disease is very dangerous and can be fatal. Patients with dengue often become very unwell, and family members have to accompany them to the hospital.

Truong says that he is very meticulous, following guidance provided by local health workers to ensure he is taking every possible precaution to minimise mosquito breeding sites in and around his home.

Truong is a vocal supporter of the World Mosquito Program’s Wolbachia method in his community, giving community members information about our work.

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