

Institute to launch biological malaria prevention project

ADDIS ABABA (ENA) – The Egypt based research and dissemination institute innovative Research and Development Corporation (InRaD), announced that it would launch a biological mosquito breeding, ground clearing project in two selected zones and the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples State.

Briefing journalists here Friday, institute CEO Dr. Waleed Ali said the project will be carried out in swampy areas of Wolayita and Sidama zones.

The Ministry of Health selected the project sites that are highly prone to malaria outbreak, he said, adding the institute has been working together with the Ministry to launch the project in September 2010.

Dr. Ali said the project aims at making the zones malaria-causing mosquito-free areas, up to 80-90 per cent, without any negative repercussion on the natural environment.

The tripartite project will be executed by the governments of Egypt, Italy, and Ethiopia, he said. Hence, the project could be taken as testimony to the sound bilateral cooperation between Ethiopia and Egypt. The Italian government has already earmarked three million USD for the execution of the project, he added.

According to the CEO, the institute had successfully implemented a similar project in Uganda. And also plans to expand its actively in the Sudan, Tanzania and Nigeria.