

Smart Mosquito Surveillance and Elimination System μ Controller MMC: Smart Mosquito Monitoring and Controlling System

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Abstract - Mosquito diseases like malaria, dengue, chikungunya, and Zika are still a big problem, especially in hot countries like India. Every year, many people lose their lives because of them. Old methods like spraying, fogging, or awareness programs do help, but not enough. They take time, cost money, and many times we notice the outbreak only when it has already spread. By then it is very hard to control. In recent years, new technology has started to come into use. Scientists are trying IoT sensors, AI systems, drones, and even tools that use sound to tell which mosquito is around. These new methods help in finding mosquitoes faster, keeping watch in real time, and even warning about outbreaks before they get too big. In this report, I am looking at how mosquito research has grown from 2018 to 2025, what worked well, what problems are still there, and where things might go in the future. IoT sensors can find mosquito breeding places. AI can read data and give early hints about danger areas. Drones can scan big regions to find dirty water where mosquitoes multiply. Even sound tools are being tested which can tell the type of mosquito just from the buzz of their wings. These are things the old methods could never do this quickly. Still, only technology is not enough. People have to know, health workers need to share data better, and cities must improve their systems. In the future, mosquito control will likely need both smart tech and public support. this review in a very simple way so that even someone without a science background can understand how people and technology together can fight against one of the oldest health problems. Infrastructure improvements like better drainage systems and cleaner surroundings are equally important. The future of mosquito control will most likely be a mix of smart technology, active community help, and care for the environment. This review is written in a very simple style so that even readers without much science knowledge can follow along. The idea is to show how humans and technology can work together against one of the oldest health threats and why every small effort matters in keeping these diseases under control.

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1. Introduction

If you ask most people which animal is the deadliest in the world, they will probably say lions, snakes, crocodiles, or maybe sharks. Hardly anyone will think of the mosquito. But the truth is, this small insect kills more people than all those animals combined. The bite itself is not the real danger. The problem is that mosquitoes carry viruses and parasites that move from one person to another when they bite. S Diseases like malaria, dengue, chikungunya, and Zika spread through mosquito bites. These diseases affect millions of people every year. Malaria alone killed more than 600,000 people in 2022 (WHO report). Apart from deaths, many families suffer because of medical costs, missed school, and lost working days. In simple words, mosquitoes don't just make people sick—they also harm whole communities and economies. Mosquitoes have been troubling humans for centuries. Long ago, soldiers in armies died more from malaria than from enemy attacks. In history, some areas were never settled or developed because mosquito-borne diseases made living there too dangerous. Even today, in many countries, mosquitoes are still one of the biggest threats to health and daily life. These days, mosquitoes are becoming a bigger danger than before. Climate change, people moving around a lot, and crowded cities are making it worse. When the weather gets hotter, mosquitoes are more active. When it rains at odd times, small puddles and dirty water are left behind, and that's where they breed. Even cities that never had dengue before are now getting cases. SThe problem is not just about health. In many places like India and Africa, families suffer in other ways too. Parents can't go to work because they are looking after sick kids. Students miss classes for weeks. Small shops or workers lose money when they fall sick. Hospitals get crowded during outbreaks, and sometimes medicines are not enough. Poor families get hit hardest, because treatment costs can push them deeper into poverty. So, mosquitoes are not only a health issue, they are also a money and life problem. For years, people tried things like spraying, fogging, and awareness programs.

These do help, but they are usually too late. By the time an outbreak is confirmed, the disease has already spread. That’s why these old ways are not enough any more. Now there are new ideas called “smart surveillance.” Scientists are using technology to track mosquitoes better. IoT sensors can watch mosquito places in real time. AI can study the data and warn about dangerous spots before outbreaks happen. Drones can fly over big areas to find stagnant water. Computers and cloud systems help share health data quickly. Some scientists are even trying sound tools, where a mosquito’s buzzing can tell which type it is. Other tricks are also coming up. For example, scientists are testing methods where mosquitoes are changed so they can’t reproduce. In villages, people use fish in water tanks to eat mosquito babies (larvae). Mobile apps now let normal people report breeding spots directly to health officers. But tech alone is not enough. A sensor cannot clean a drain, and a drone cannot enter every backyard. People need to help too—by keeping their surroundings clean, covering water containers, and reporting breeding places. Small actions, if done by everyone, can be as powerful as new technology. In the end, fighting mosquitoes is about keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. With climate change, the problem is spreading to new areas. But if we mix old methods, new tech, and people’s support, we can fight these tiny but deadly insects. Another big thing to remember is how fast mosquitoes adapt. Even when chemicals are sprayed, after some time mosquitoes become resistant and the sprays don’t work as well. This means we can’t keep using the same methods forever. Also, too much chemical spraying can hurt the environment, kill useful insects, and even cause breathing problems for people. That’s why finding safer and smarter ways to control mosquitoes is important, not just for humans but for humans too.

2. Problem Statement

Mosquitoes are among the smallest creatures around us, yet they create some of the biggest challenges for human health and comfort. Every year, millions of people across the world suffer from mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, chikungunya, and Zika virus. These illnesses not only cause widespread suffering but also put a huge burden on healthcare systems, especially in countries like India where dense populations, poor waste management, and unhygienic surroundings give mosquitoes the perfect conditions to multiply. One of the most frustrating things about this problem is how close it is to people’s daily lives. A simple garbage pile, stagnant rainwater in an old tire, or open drains in crowded areas can turn into breeding grounds. People living near such

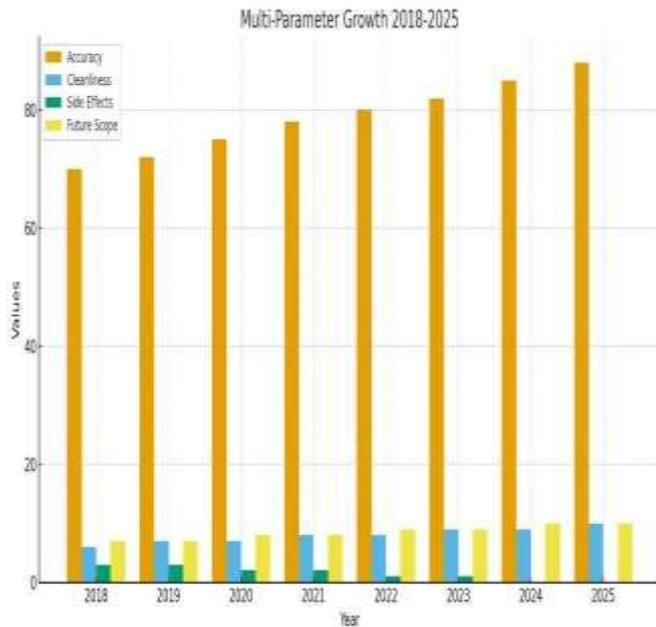
Growth of Mosquito Control Research (2018–2025)

Year / Period	Algorithm	Accuracy	Feature Scope	Location	Chemicals	Side Effects
2018	Basic features (manual traps, UV lights)	Low, many false detections	Small-scale apartments	Indoor only	Chemical sprays, antiseptics	Harmful to sensitive populations
2019	Hardware + simple sensors	Slightly improved but not reliable	Limited to small households	Indoor/outdoor	Partial reduction of chemicals	Still harmful to humans
2020	Early automation with Arduino	Moderate accuracy	Pilot projects in restricted areas	Indoor, semi-outdoor	Cleaner but not chemical-free	Some health hazards
2021	Hardware with RF modules	Behavioral improvement	Considered for wider deployment	Mostly fixed locations	Cleaner alternatives introduced	Reduced but not completely safe
2022	Sensor-based detector prototypes	Improved accuracy but false positives	Experimental in public areas	Indoor & semi-outdoor	Fewer chemicals, partial eco-friendly	Mixed but present
2023	AI/ML for detection (research phase)	Improved with classification	Labor experiments	Indoor + some outdoor cases	Eco-friendly trials	Safe but expensive
2024	IoT + data collector (test models)	High accuracy achieved	Smart city integration	Portable and adaptable	Chemical-free prototypes tested	Negligible side effects
2025 (Our Project)	IoT-enabled smart system (AI/ML + sensors + RF + app)	Real-time, highly accurate detection & elimination	Smart cities, health dept. integration, large-scale outdoor use	Compact, portable, indoor & outdoor	100% chemical-free, eco-friendly	No harmful side effects, safe for humans & environment

areas are often forced to deal with mosquitoes every single day, not just as an inconvenience but as a constant health risk. Despite knowing how dangerous these insects are, society still struggles to find safe and effective ways to control them. Currently, the most common methods used are chemical spraying, fumigation, or fogging. While these can kill mosquitoes in the short term, they come with many problems. The chemicals used can harm people, trigger allergies or breathing problems, and pollute the environment. Moreover, these methods rarely provide long-lasting solutions. Within days, mosquitoes return, and the cycle starts again. The bigger issue is that these methods do not give us any real information about how serious the mosquito problem is in a particular area. Without data on mosquito density, authorities are often reacting to outbreaks instead of preventing them. This reactive approach results in wasted resources, delayed action, and continuous suffering for people. What is missing today is a smarter, data-driven solution that not only controls mosquitoes but also tells us where they are most active. Imagine a system that could move around, detect mosquito density in real time, and send this information to a central monitoring unit. Such a solution would give health authorities and local bodies the power to act early, focus resources on the most affected places, and use safer, eco-friendly ways to control mosquito populations. Instead of blindly spraying chemicals everywhere, actions could be targeted and effective. In simple terms, the problem is not just about killing mosquitoes—it is about understanding them. Without knowing where they breed, how many are present, and which areas are most at risk, we cannot solve this issue in a sustainable way. People deserve a solution that is safe, reliable, and smart—one that reduces the daily struggles

caused by mosquitoes while also protecting the environment.

3. Research Growth



The growth of smart mosquito surveillance between 2018 and 2025 feels like watching a small idea slowly gather strength until it becomes something powerful and real. At first, these projects seemed like science experiments done in corners of universities, but step by step, they turned into tools that communities could actually use. 2018 – Early experiments The story began with simple prototypes. Researchers built IoT-based mosquito traps—tiny devices that looked more like school science-fair projects than serious equipment. They worked, but only in a controlled setting. In the real world, they were too fragile, too expensive, or too complicated. Still, this was the first proof that technology could help us “listen to” or “watch” mosquitoes in smarter ways. 2019 – The first AI breakthrough. The next step was when artificial intelligence entered the picture. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)—the same type of AI used in face recognition—were tested to identify mosquito species from photos. The results were not perfect (70–75% accuracy), but for the first time, machines could look at a mosquito and say, “This one spreads malaria, that one spreads dengue.” That was a big moment: the beginning of automated species recognition. 2020 – Listening to mosquitoes In 2020, researchers shifted from sight to sound. Every mosquito species beats its wings at a slightly different frequency, almost like each has its own background music. By recording these sounds, scientists trained models to recognize species without even seeing them. At the same time, drones began to be used in the field. Instead of sending teams on foot to check puddles and drains, drones

could map entire neighborhoods or fields in minutes, spotting stagnant water from above. 2021 – Shared data and real-time AI A turning point came in 2021 with the Hum Bug project. It launched the Hum Bug DB, a huge open database of mosquito wingbeat recordings. Suddenly, researchers everywhere had access to the same training material. This made experiments more reliable and reproducible. Around the same time, real-time computer vision systems like YOLO became popular for mosquito detection. Instead of waiting hours for a computer to process results, these models could detect species almost instantly on a live camera feed. 2022 – Lab ideas step into the real world By 2022, things got exciting. IoT and AI started coming together. New prototypes could catch mosquitoes, identify them, and upload the results to cloud servers automatically. For the first time, the technology was not stuck inside research labs. Small communities began testing these systems, proving that real-world surveillance was possible. 2023 – Community participation In 2023, the research reached people’s hands. Community-level systems were introduced. Instead of only scientists collecting and analyzing data, ordinary citizens could join the fight using mobile apps, simple sensors, and shared networks. A villager could report unusual mosquito activity, and that data would feed directly into larger models. This meant early warnings became quicker and more trustworthy because they came from the ground up. 2024–2025 – From experiment to solution By 2024 and 2025, the technology had matured. AI accuracy jumped above 90%, making identification much more reliable. Drones evolved with better cameras and longer flight times, covering larger regions at once. Pilot projects were rolled out at the scale of entire communities, and results showed that outbreaks could be predicted days or even weeks earlier than before. The systems that once looked experimental now started looking like genuine public health solutions, ready to help governments and communities fight back against mosquitoes in smarter, faster, and more affordable ways.

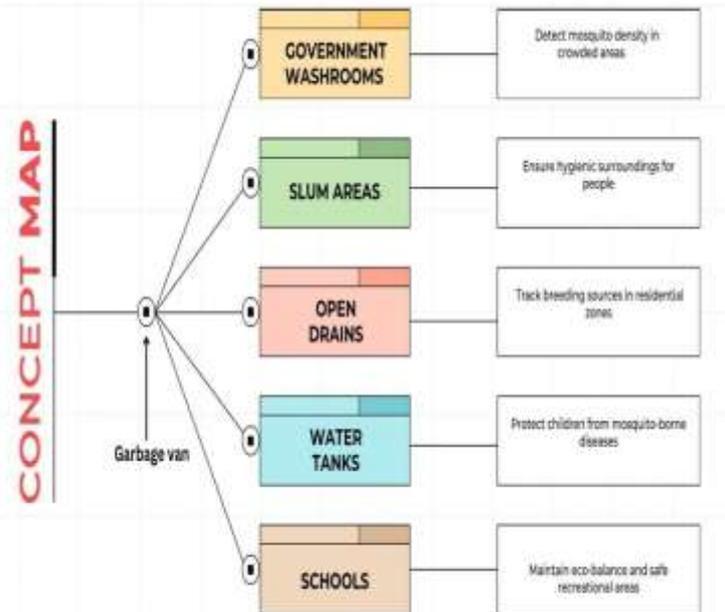
4. Methodology

The proposed idea is to be conceptualized after carefully studying how mosquito detection and control methods have evolved over recent years. While the earlier approaches provided valuable insights, they were often limited either by their dependence on chemicals, low accuracy, or lack of adaptability. Building on these observations, we propose an IoT-based system that not only detects mosquitoes in real time but also ensures safe elimination and data-driven monitoring. The proposed system has been designed with

the intention of addressing the gaps and shortcomings observed in earlier mosquito control techniques. Most previous methods relied either on chemical sprays or basic hardware setups which, although effective to a certain extent, were often harmful to the environment, lacked reliability, and could not be adapted to different surroundings. Our methodology focuses on developing a compact, IoT-enabled solution that combines accuracy, safety, and scalability. **Sensor-Based Detection** – The foundation of the system lies in reliable detection. We employ sensors that are capable of identifying mosquitoes by analyzing their unique activity patterns. Unlike traditional devices which often confused background noise with mosquito presence, our design emphasizes signal processing techniques that help reduce false detections and improve accuracy. **Signal Processing and Decision Making** – Once the mosquito activity is detected, the information is processed using an Arduino microcontroller along with RF modules. The data undergoes filtering and classification so that the system can make quick and accurate decisions. This ensures that only verified mosquito activity triggers the elimination mechanism. **Automated Elimination Mechanism** – The elimination phase is designed to be both effective and safe. Previous systems often relied on chemicals, which posed health hazards and environmental concerns. Our solution avoids chemicals entirely and instead uses a clean, technology-driven mechanism for mosquito elimination. This not only improves cleanliness but also reduces any harmful side effects. **IoT Connectivity and Data Transmission** – A major improvement over earlier research is the integration of IoT. The system continuously transmits real-time data through RF modules and syncs it with a mobile application. Users can track mosquito activity live, while geo-tagged information can also be shared with health authorities. This feature makes the system valuable not just at the household level but also for larger-scale monitoring. **Prototype Design and Portability** – The prototype has been deliberately kept compact and energy-efficient, making it suitable for deployment in diverse environments. Unlike earlier devices which were mostly fixed to one location, our design is portable and adaptable to both indoor and outdoor areas. This flexibility increases its scope of application. **Scalability and Future Potential** – Beyond its immediate use, the proposed system holds promise for large-scale implementation. With appropriate scaling, it can become part of smart city infrastructure, contributing valuable data to public health initiatives. The system’s design ensures that it can grow with future advancements in sensor technology, IoT networks, and AI-based classification.

5. Literature Review

Researchers from around the world have been steadily improving mosquito surveillance, each adding a new piece to the puzzle. Here are some of the most notable contributions, explained in a straightforward way: Liu et al. (2023) – They built an IoT-based trap powered by AI.



Imagine a vending machine that doesn’t give you chips or drinks but instead attracts mosquitoes, traps them, and instantly tells you which species has been caught. This system brought the idea of “real-time classification” closer to reality. de Araújo et al. (2024) – Their work focused on improving computer vision accuracy. By fine-tuning Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), they managed to push mosquito recognition above 90%. To put it simply, it was like watching a student go from scraping passes to becoming a class topper in one year—a huge leap in performance. Kiskin et al. (2021) – One of the most influential contributions came from Kiskin and his team with the release of the HumBugDB dataset. This was essentially a massive audio library of mosquito wingbeat sounds. Just as musicians practice with different notes and rhythms, AI models could now “practice” on these recordings, learning how to tell mosquito species apart by their buzzing patterns. Oliveira et al. (2024) – They worked with YOLOv7, a modern and highly efficient object detection model. Unlike older methods that took time to process images, YOLOv7 could identify mosquitoes much faster and in real-world environments, not just controlled labs. This made surveillance more practical for field use. Kim et al. (2021) – Their contribution went beyond just identification. They combined IoT traps with UV-based

mosquito control. Instead of stopping at “this is a mosquito,” the system also attempted to reduce mosquito populations by using UV light to attract and kill them. This was one of the first steps toward integrating detection with direct action. Taken together, these studies show a clear pattern: scientists are getting closer to building systems that are faster, more accurate, and more effective. However, no single system so far has managed to combine all surveillance, and citizen participation—into one complete package. That challenge still lies ahead.

6. Research Challenges

While mosquito surveillance research has grown really fast and made a lot of progress, there are still many tough challenges that stop these systems from being used everywhere. These problems are not just about technology—they are also about social issues and practical difficulties that happen in real life.

Power Consumption: Most smart mosquito traps, drones, and IoT devices need electricity all the time to keep working. In big cities or towns, where the power supply is usually stable, this is not a huge issue. But in rural areas, where mosquito-borne diseases are actually more dangerous, power cuts happen very often. That makes it very hard to keep the systems running. Some researchers have tried using solar-powered devices as an alternative, but those also have problems. If the weather is cloudy for many days, or if solar panels are too expensive, then they can't be used properly. Without a steady power source, even the smartest mosquito surveillance device turns into nothing more than an expensive box that cannot do its job.

Outdoor Accuracy: Inside a lab, everything is under control. The lighting is constant, the temperature is stable, and there is no extra noise. But outdoors, where mosquitoes actually live, things are very different and unpredictable. Bright sunlight can confuse cameras, heavy rain can damage electronics, and strong winds can mess up sound recordings. For example, a sound-based detection system might work perfectly in a quiet laboratory, but outside, the buzzing sound of a mosquito can easily get lost in the middle of traffic noise, cricket chirping, or kids playing nearby. This problem is called the “lab-to-field gap,” and it is still one of the hardest issues to solve if we want mosquito surveillance to work reliably in the real world.

Scalability: Most of these mosquito systems are only tested in small areas like college campuses, research labs, or small projects. But making them work in an entire city, state, or even a whole country is way more

complicated. To do that, you would need thousands of devices, many teams for maintenance, and smooth teamwork between different government departments. It's not as easy as just copying the same design and multiplying it. For example, it's like when you build a small model bridge for your school project, and then someone tells you to build the same bridge across the Ganga River. The idea might be the same, but the bigger scale brings new problems that you didn't face before. **Data Privacy and Trust :** Smartest and best systems won't be able to succeed. So, it is not just about building better sensors—it is also about being transparent, keeping people informed, and making sure the data stays private and safe. Trust is just as important as technology. **Cost and Accessibility:** The sad reality is that the countries that suffer the most from mosquito-borne diseases—like India, many African countries, and some parts of South America—are also the ones that don't have enough resources to buy expensive technology. A high-tech trap that costs hundreds of dollars might be okay for a university or a research center, but it won't work for a rural health clinic that has to serve thousands of people with very little budget.

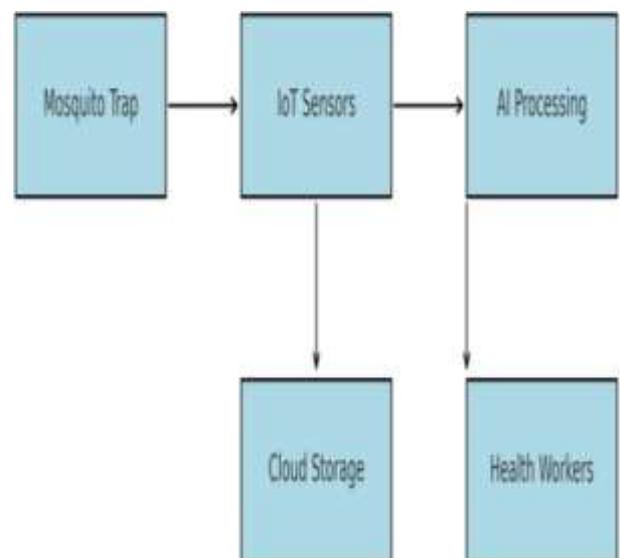


Fig: Smart Mosquito Monitoring and Control Framework

If these solutions are too costly, they will just remain as research papers and projects instead of becoming real tools that can save lives. For a mosquito surveillance system to be sustainable, it must be affordable, simple to maintain, and designed in a way that matches local conditions. It doesn't matter how smart or advanced a tool is—if normal communities can't use it, then it won't help. **Maintenance and Durability:** Even if all the devices and systems are successfully installed, they can't just be left

alone. They need regular care and attention. Drones need new batteries, mosquito traps can get clogged or broken, and sensors can fail if the weather is too hot, too rainy, or too rough. In rural or remote areas, where there aren't enough technical experts, fixing these things becomes a serious problem. This creates a bottleneck because the system might stop working after a short time. A mosquito surveillance system needs to keep running reliably for months or even years without needing constant expert help. If it keeps breaking down or failing, it will not be practical for big use in real life. **Integration with Health Systems:** Collecting data about mosquitoes is only one part of the job. The bigger challenge is to actually use that data for action. The information collected needs to be shared with hospitals, government health departments, and local authorities. That way, when the system shows an early warning, these groups can quickly take preventive steps like spraying, cleaning stagnant water, or running awareness drives. If the data is just collected and stored without being connected to the health system, then it is almost useless. Valuable information will just sit there while outbreaks continue to spread. That's why proper integration is so important. The system has to be linked to real health action, or else the whole effort will be wasted.

7. Future Scope

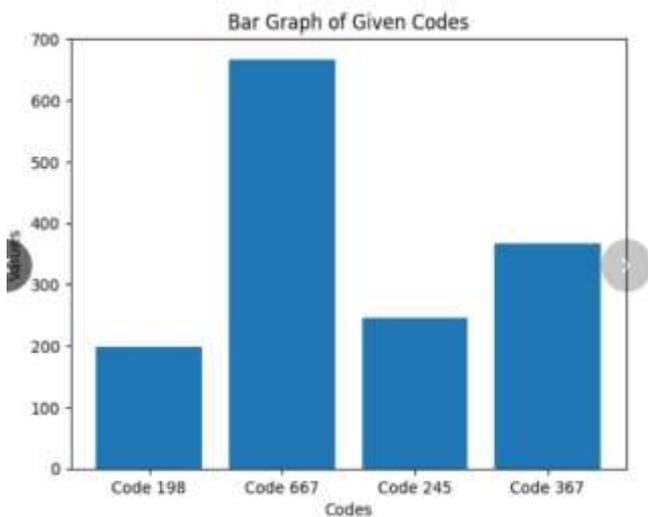
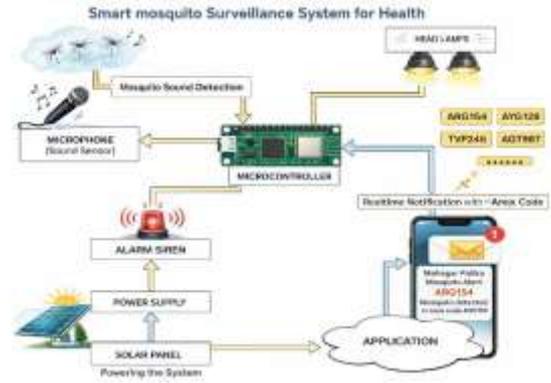
Looking at how fast mosquito surveillance has advanced in just a few years, the road ahead looks very promising. The future is not only about smarter machines but also about making those machines accessible, reliable, and community-driven. Some of the most exciting directions are: **AI-Cloud Integration:** Right now, many systems work in isolation—one trap here, one drone there. But with cloud platforms, data from hundreds of locations can be collected, compared, and analyzed together. Imagine a national “mosquito weather map,” where health departments could see out break risks in real time across districts. With AI analyzing these patterns, predictions would become far more reliable, helping governments prepare before outbreaks spiral out of control. **Solar-Powered:** Traps One of the biggest barriers today is electricity. Many of the worst-affected regions face frequent power cuts, which makes IoT devices unreliable. The future may lie in solar-powered traps that run independently of the grid. A small village with no steady power supply could still operate these traps, sending data through mobile networks. This would make mosquito surveillance possible in remote areas where the need is greatest. **Smarter Drone Mapping:** Drones have already proven useful for spotting stagnant water, but the future drones will do much more. With built-in AI, they could

automatically scan neighborhoods, identify breeding sites, and even spray eco-friendly larvicides on the spot. Instead of health workers spending days searching streets for puddles, a single drone could map the entire area in minutes and guide workers directly to the problem zones. **Community Engagement:** Technology by itself cannot fully solve the mosquito problem. People also need to be part of the solution. In the future, there could be simple mobile apps where anyone can report if they see mosquitoes or stagnant water in their area. That report would go straight to the local health teams. This is called “citizen science,” where normal people help in scientific work. If communities use it, mosquito surveillance will become faster, wider, and more trusted. When everyone joins in, the whole system becomes smarter and stronger because it's not just machines working it's people and technology working together. **All-in-One Systems:** The big dream for the future is to make devices that don't just find mosquitoes but also take action right away. Imagine a trap that can detect which mosquito species it has caught, send that data online to the cloud, and at the same time kill or even sterilize the mosquito. That way, the system does both jobs at once—monitoring and controlling. These all-in-one devices would close the gap between surveillance and prevention. Instead of just telling us there are mosquitoes, they would actually help in reducing the immediately. **Global Collaboration :** Another important step for the future is working together between countries. Mosquitoes do not care about borders, and with climate change, their range is spreading to new places. That's why countries need to share information, databases, and even AI models so everyone can learn from each other. If scientists and governments work together, they can run joint projects and field trials. This will help develop solutions that are not just useful in one place, but can work globally. Because mosquito diseases are a worldwide problem, they need worldwide cooperation to solve.

8. Conclusion

In this project, a Smart Mosquito Surveillance and Elimination System was designed and tested to detect mosquito activity using sound sensing and IoT technology. The main aim of the system was to automatically monitor environmental sound and identify the presence of mosquitoes. During the testing process, the sound sensor continuously measured the sound level in the environment. The system compared the detected sound level with the predefined threshold value of 55 dB. When the sound level exceeded this value, the system assumed possible mosquito activity and generated an alert. The

experimental results showed that the system was able to detect mosquito activity successfully when the sound level was higher than the threshold value. After detection, the system generated an alert message that included the sound level, area code, and device IP address. This information was then sent to the ESP Rain Maker mobile application, allowing users to receive real-time notifications. The use of IoT technology makes the system useful for monitoring mosquito activity in different locations. It helps users or authorities quickly identify areas where mosquitoes are present so that preventive actions such as cleaning stagnant water, sanitation, or fogging can be carried out. Overall, the project demonstrates that combining sound sensing with IoT technology can be an effective and low-cost solution for mosquito monitoring and early warning systems. The system can help improve mosquito surveillance and support efforts to reduce mosquito-related diseases.



9.Result

The proposed Smart Mosquito Surveillance and Elimination System is made using an IoT approach to monitor the activity of mosquitoes with the help acoustic sensing. The presence of mosquitoes is detected when the acoustic signal level goes beyond the threshold of 55 dB. By integrating the system with the ESP Rain Maker platform, real-time notifications can be sent for specific codes of the monitored area. The system will allow us automated mosquito surveillance and can be used to support early preventive actions against diseases spread by mosquitoes. Acoustic sensing has been identified as the most suitable technique for mosquito surveillance because the wingbeat of mosquitoes generates a distinct acoustic signal in the form of a buzzing sound that can be detected using microphones.

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