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IN a move aimed at combating Malaria, the National Development Corporation (NDC) has spent more than 35bn/- in building a factory that will manufacture pesticides for destroying mosquito breeding grounds.

The new factory, which upon

completion will be producing more than six million litres of pesticides per year, is located at Maili Moja area in Kibaha District, Coast Region and is expected to start operating at the end of this year.

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the Public Relations Manager of NDC, Mr Abel Ngapemba, said

that the new factory has been built in partnership with Labiofam, a Cuban company.

The company will also help in transferring the technology of producing pesticide for destroying mosquito larvae.

“We have already paid 90 per cent of all the costs for the project and we will pay 20 per cent of the remaining costs when the

factory starts working in a period of not less than three months as per contract agreement,” he notified.

Mr Ngapemba said that the pesticides will be used in destroying the larvae by spraying in locations where there are breeding grounds.

He also said that research has shown that the pesticide has no

negative effect on either human beings or the environment and that human beings can even drink it without any harm.

“The pesticide has enabled Cuba to combat malaria effectively. There are no medical cases related to Malaria in Cuba at the moment,” he said, adding that the pesticide will also help in destroying any other agents that

are likely to cause diseases like elephantiasis, dengue fever and other ailments in this category.

He also said that 80 per cent of the pesticides that will be produced from the factory will be for domestic use, while the remaining 20 per cent will be for export to countries which have started to show interest in buying it.

“Construction of all the buildings for the factory has been completed and the machinery for production has already arrived in the country and that all the arrangements are in the final stage.

Apart from helping combat malaria the factory will also provide direct employment to more than 170 Tanzanians.