



# News Bulletin

## ■GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Decreased donor funding for the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria would quickly erode prevention and treatment gains achieved since the fund launched eight years ago, United Nations AIDS agency head Michel Sidibe said. Advances include the tantalizing prospect of an end to mother-to-child HIV/AIDS transmission by 2015 and a decrease in the number of tuberculosis cases of up to 50%, according to a report released by the fund.

## ■AFRICA

D.R. CONGO / UGANDA - Aid workers battle to help "forgotten" refugees - With at least 67,000 refugees in southwest Uganda, the government and aid workers are still battling inadequate resources in what a UN official described as a "silent emergency".

KENYA - Thousands hit by flooding - At least 10,000 people in Kenya have been displaced by flooding, mainly in the north, which has prompted fears of an outbreak of waterborne diseases. Hundreds of heads of livestock have drowned or gone missing and dozens of houses and business stalls are submerged.

NIGERIA - As many as 500 people, many of them women and children, were killed in ethnic violence in Nigeria near a city that has proved to be a conflict ground between Muslims and Christians. According to reports, Muslim herders known as the Hausa-Fulani attacked and killed members of the Christian ethnic group - a slaughter seen as a reprisal for January violence in which dozens of Muslims died. Police have arrested 95 suspected attackers, who used machetes and animal traps in the village raid.

SOMALIA - Up to half the food aid sent to Somalia is being diverted and sold illegally by corrupt contractors, radical Islamist militants and local United Nations staff members, a report by the UN Security Council claims.

## ■ASIA

AFGHANISTAN - Afghan refugees allowed to stay longer in Pakistan - The refugee cards of about 1.7 million Afghans in Pakistan will be extended until December 2012 and the Afghan government will have to enhance its reintegration services, according to a tripartite meeting of Afghanistan, Pakistan and the UN Refugee Agency.

BANGLADESH - More than 200,000 people recovering from a cyclone that hit Bangladesh last year are still at risk of flooding because damaged river embankments have not been repaired, the European Union warned on Tuesday.

CAMBODIA - War crimes court juggles public demands - Competing pressures in Cambodia's Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal could work against the victims it is supposed to represent, human rights groups warn.

MYANMAR - Abortion a leading cause of maternal death - In Myanmar, where abortions are illegal, complications arising from unsafe terminations are the third leading cause of maternal deaths after post-partum haemorrhage and eclampsia, according to the government's 2006-2011 National Health Plan.

## ■MIDDLE EAST

OPT - Uphill battle to supply prosthetics to Gaza war injured - A half-finished two-story building in central Gaza City is one of the few places providing support to amputees, most of them civilian victims of the Israel-Palestinian conflict, as they try and come to terms with their injuries.

## ■LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HAITI - Risk and treatment amid the rubble - In the aftermath of Haiti's 7.0 magnitude quake, one of the Caribbean's largest antiretroviral (ARV) programmes is struggling to resurrect itself from the rubble.

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