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## GLOBAL

**FOOD SECURITY** - Poor health and losses in productivity caused by malnutrition are costing the global economy US\$500 per person per year, or a staggering \$3.5 trillion annually, according to a new report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** - Every year, approximately 200 million people around the world are affected by disasters. Of these, 100 million are women or girls, according to the UN's Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

## AFRICA

**CAR** - International neglect of the crisis in the Central African Republic (CAR) is partly to blame for the dire humanitarian and security situation, say officials. The crisis affects the country's entire population of 4.6 million and has left tens of thousands in need of emergency shelter, healthcare and food aid.

**KENYA** - An emergency team is working to vaccinate 424,000 people living in the world's largest refugee camp in Kenya after polio was detected, the United Nations says.

**MADAGASCAR**'s recent gains in the battle against malaria are likely to be reversed because funding problems have interrupted prevention activities.

**NIGER** - The UN and others have welcomed recent peace talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire in Myanmar's conflict-affected Kachin State, but building trust will take time, say experts.

**SENEGAL** - Senegalese authorities and aid organizations say they have begun preparing for what will likely be another round of heavy flooding during this year's upcoming rainy season, but observers and local residents say not enough has been done to reduce the risk of annual floods ruining their homes.

**SOMALIA** - The number of children killed, maimed, abused and recruited to fight in Somalia dropped by more than half in the first quarter of 2013 due to less fighting between Islamist al-Shabaab militants and government forces, the United Nations says.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**INDONESIA** - Poor nutrition and growing levels of obesity are taking a toll on the health of Indonesians, experts warn, as an increasing number of people consume fast food and lead sedentary lifestyles.

## MIDDLE EAST

**MYANMAR** - The UN and others have welcomed recent peace talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire in Myanmar's conflict-affected Kachin State, but building trust will take time, say experts.

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