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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - The Green Climate Fund will be nothing but an "empty shell" if rich countries don't follow through with their pledges last year to raise \$100 billion annually from 2020 to help poor countries combat climate, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at a meeting of the Climate Vulnerable Forum in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. The design and management of the fund are scheduled to be hashed out at UN climate talks beginning this month in Durban, South Africa.

CHILDREN - The living conditions of millions of children across East Asia and the Pacific will be worsened by climate change, says a United Nations report released, which argues that rising temperatures put children at greater risk of contracting diseases such as cholera and malaria, and natural disasters negatively affect their livelihoods and increase malnutrition rates.

AFRICA

CLIMATE CHANGE - Soaring temperatures and erratic rains brought on by a changing climate may radically alter water flows in the world's major river basins, including the Limpopo in southern Africa, forcing people to give up farming in some areas, says a new study.

SOMALIA - Women's rights advocates are raising the alarm over a sharp increase in gender-based attacks on internally displaced Somali females in the Mudug region as a result of a deteriorating security situation and a lack of accountability. Women's groups are reaching to religious leaders and community elders as part of campaigns to raise awareness on the issues.

SUDAN - Up to 3.2 million South Sudanese children have received vaccinations against polio in a United Nations-backed campaign to ensure the new country remains free of the deadly disease, more than two years after the last case was reported.

ASIA

CAMBODIA - Millions of Cambodians are set to receive insecticide-treated mosquito nets as part of a government-led effort to mitigate the risk of malaria and dengue fever.

MYANMAR - Part of Myanmar's breadbasket in the country's centre is fast deteriorating and the area may face greater food insecurity without immediate action.

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