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GLOBAL

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ERADICATION POVERTY - More than one billion people around the world are poor and living on less than \$1.25 a day. The theme of the day is "From Poverty to Sustainability: People at the Centre of Inclusive Development".

CLIMATE CHANGE - UN Certified Emission Reduction credits for December next year fell Thursday to a record low, while credits for next December, this year, declined 5.3% to \$9.82 a metric ton, as supply far outstripped demand. The UN market, part of the world body's Clean Development Mechanism, by which approved projects cut emissions in China, India and other countries, has supplied some 253 million metrics tons of new credits so far this year, nearly double the tally from last year.

AFRICA

CONGO - Some 120,000 refugees who fled ethnic violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RDC) two years ago to seek shelter in the neighbouring Republic of Congo, will go without food as of next month if no new funding is found, the United Nations warned.

COTE D'IVOIRE - Almost half a million Ivoirians remain displaced five months after the country's post-electoral civil conflict ended, afraid of returning to their homes for fear of reprisals, while a sluggish response to funding appeals means living conditions for many are getting worse.

UGANDA has one of the highest rates of infection-related cancers in the world. Exploring the links between infections and cancer will be one of the main roles of a new research and treatment centre in Kampala, according to officials at a ground-breaking ceremony on 4 October.

ASIA

FLOODS - The United Nations humanitarian chief has voiced great concern over the rising impact of storms and flooding on millions of people across South-East Asia, saying the situation is expected to worsen, with river levels still rising and heavy rainfall foreca.

PAKISTAN's ongoing struggle to eradicate polio is an example of how the country's leadership has failed to provide the security, process and information necessary to wipe out the disease. Pakistan is one of only four countries in the world where polio remains endemic, and has experienced an upswing in confirmed cases throughout 2011.

MIDDLE EAST

WOMEN & GIRLS - As constitutions are being rewritten across the Arab world, women in Egypt and Tunisia, where the revolutions are furthest along, are rewriting the laws of civil society to protect women's rights.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

FLOODS - Some 100,000 people in Mexico and Central America are facing flooding as Hurricane Jova and a tropical depression unleash torrential rains over the region, the United Nations reported as it activated emergency and assessment teams in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

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