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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro called for a global development model that tackles poverty reduction, job creation, inequality, climate change and environmental degradation, while ensuring adequate access to water, energy and food for all.

WATER - The global water situation is so precarious that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population may experience regular water shortages. Forests capture and store water and play an important role in providing drinking water for millions of people. International agencies involved in forest protection call upon countries to pay more attention to forest protection for the provision of clean water.

AFRICA

Africa Region - A regional strategy to bring down the number of children who get infected with HIV from their mothers in Eastern and Southern Africa has been adopted at a three-day meeting which has ended in Nairobi, Kenya. According to the UN Children Fund half of the 370,000 children newly infected with HIV in 2009 were in the 15 most affected countries in the region.

KENYA - The government has launched a six-month programme to distribute 10 million nets across the country. The nets will be distributed to Malaria prone districts through maternal and child clinics, community-based mass distributions, social marketing and sale in commercial sectors.

RWANDA - Within the Health sector, there's an itorero that brings together community Health workers (CHWs). A group of volunteers chosen by their communities to perform different health related tasks. They counsel community members on issues like proper child growth, vaccination screening, treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and refer sick patients to the nearest health facility. Today, the Ministry of Health has close to 60,000 cadres in this field and because of their benevolent work, Rwanda is making significant strides in improving the lives of its ordinary citizenry, including attaining some of the Health-related MDGs.

ZIMBABWE - The Millennium Development Goals Status Report 2010, aimed at providing the current standing of each of the eight MDGs in Zimbabwe and, where possible, show trend patterns in the past decade, has been released amid fears that the country is unlikely to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2015.

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