

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**DEFORESTATION** - Clean cookstove projects in the developing world are helping promote sustainability of local resources by decreasing communities' reliance on wood burning devices and the cutting of down of trees. The United Nations Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries and the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves aim to have more than 100 million homes using clean cookstoves by 2020.

**HEALTH** - While child mortality is on the decline worldwide, an estimated 40 million children under five in poor countries remain at high risk of death because they do not have access to basic vaccines, such as diphtheria and tetanus, or oral rehydration therapy for diarrhea, according to a report. The report says some 14% of children in 25 developing countries live in what it calls "healthcare deserts."

## **AFRICA**

**NIGERIA** - A drop-off in vaccinations against polio in six states in northern Nigeria has resulted in a resurgence of the disease, threatening to reverse last year's near-eradication of the disease countrywide. "We have come too far in our fight against polio to contemplate a relapse. Complacency is probably the biggest danger that might jeopardize success in eradicating polio," deputy head of UN Children's Fund for Nigeria, Jacques Boyer, told a gathering of traditional and religious leaders Tuesday.

**SOMALIA** - The humanitarian crisis in Somalia has degenerated into a famine in two regions and could get worse because respite from drought, a major cause of the crisis, which is compounded by insecurity, lack of aid and food price inflation, is unlikely until December or January 2012, the UN warned.

**UGANDA** - Having spent years uprooted by conflict, farmers in northern Uganda are again facing tough times - this time caused by the weather.

## **MIDDLE EAST**

**IRAQ** - A just released national youth survey in Iraq says youth unemployment is running at over 20 percent and many young people are thinking of emigrating.

## **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**

**BOLIVIA** - In the midst of heated debate with agribusiness, the Bolivian government has launched an agricultural production model aimed at boosting food sovereignty by supporting small farmers, in order to generate surpluses to cushion the swings in international food prices.

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