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GLOBAL

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS - Analysis shows that only about nine of 137 developing countries, and none in sub-Saharan Africa, will reach by 2015 the fourth and fifth Millennium Development Goals: reducing by two-thirds the death rates for children under five, and cutting by three-fourths the deaths among pregnant women and new mothers, respectively.

CLIMATE - US climate officials are expressing doubt over how much progress can be made on an international climate treaty at the upcoming South Africa summit as developing countries continue to seek provisions allowing them to miss emission reduction targets if wealthy countries don't provide enough funding.

AFRICA

HEALTH - Health officials in sub-Saharan Africa are finally focusing on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, diabetes and chronic lung disease, having spent much of the past decade concentrating on HIV/AIDS and malaria.

CHAD / NIGER - While the world's politicians conjure up fears of a "tsunami of migrants" flooding Europe, in reality it is Libya's economically vulnerable and chronically food-insecure neighbours Niger and Chad that are struggling to cope with an influx of returning migrants, says spokesperson of the International Organization for Migration.

KENYA - The crowd of health issues jostling for a share of Kenya's inadequate health budget is expanding, with activists calling for an increase in resources for the management of non-communicable diseases, which account for more than 50 percent of hospital deaths and admissions.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL is considered a country rich in water resources, with its enormous underground aquifers and mighty rivers. But recognition of the vital importance of rainwater begins where it is most scarce: in the semiarid interior of the northeast.

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