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GLOBAL

HUNGER - In the past four years, global prices of staples such as maize and wheat have twice hit record levels, driving hundreds of thousands of the world's most vulnerable people further towards hunger and poverty. It is the poorest people in the poorest countries who are most affected by the high price of staple foods.

HEALTH - Climate change will be catastrophic to global health and could foster global instability and insecurity, a group of prominent scientists, environmental health experts and government officials say.

AFRICA

MALARIA - An experimental vaccine has halved the risk of African children getting malaria in a major clinical trial, making it likely to become the world's first shot against the deadly disease.

NIGER is at the cusp of another food crisis as erratic rains and insect attacks on crops have caused crop failure in several parts of the West African nation, authorities have warned.

ZIMBABWE - Vulnerable people living with HIV in Zimbabwe are benefiting from an electronic voucher scheme being used to fight malnutrition among people on antiretroviral (ARV) therapy and their families by providing them with nutritious food.

ASIA

BANGLADESH - As their numbers grow and their family support weakens, elderly people in Bangladesh are not getting the social protection they need, say campaigners and researchers.

CHINA vaccinated 4.5 million children and young adults over the last five weeks in the western region of Xinjiang in a fight against polio after the disease paralysed 17 people and killed one of them, the UNWHO has said. Meanwhile, nearly a third of all countries affected by malaria are on course to eliminate the mosquito-borne disease over the next 10 years, the UNWHO has said.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

FIGHT HUNGER - The countries of Central America have set their sights on research and innovation in the production of tomatoes, cassava, potatoes and avocados to increase food supply and combat hunger, which mainly affects rural areas.

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