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## AFRICA

**KENYA** - An outbreak of dengue fever and a suspected outbreak of kala-azar in northern Kenya are drawing attention to the need for improved health services in some of the country's most remote communities.

**MALAWI** is again experiencing a crisis in the delivery of essential medicines, with understaffed clinics and erratic drug supplies preventing many dangerously ill patients from accessing treatment.

**MOZAMBIQUE** has dealt with years of recurrent floods and set up an effective early warning system, yet the intensity of this year's rains came as a surprise.

**NIGERIA** - Unknown gunmen on mopeds shot dead 10 polio vaccinators last week in separate attacks on two polio clinics in the northern Nigerian city of Kano, capital of a polio-endemic region where concerted global efforts are being made to stamp out the virus by the end of 2013.

**RWANDA** - Flash floods have affected hundreds of farming households in northern and western Rwanda, increasing the risk of food insecurity in those areas, officials say.

**SUDAN** - Tens of thousands of people disabled by shrapnel and landmines during South Sudan's two-decade-long war with Sudan and thousands more disabled through disease and accidents are struggling to find support in Africa's newest country, where proper healthcare and funding are in short supply.

## ASIA & PACIFIC

**AFGHANISTAN** - Afghan women and girls are increasingly victims of violence with a 20 percent rise last year in the number killed or injured even though the number of civilian casualties fell for the first time in years, the United Nations said.

**PAPA NEW GUINEA (PNG)** could face an upsurge in malaria cases due to overly relaxed attitudes to the use of bednets, health experts warn.

## MIDDLE EAST

**SYRIA** - After two years of conflict in Syria, waterborne diseases are on the rise, compounding a growing humanitarian crisis. Typhoid, hepatitis A and leishmaniasis are spreading because water pumps are not running, sewerage systems have broken down, and chlorine for purifying water is running out.

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