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GLOBAL

UNITED NATIONS - Despite birthing 100 percent of the world's children, growing 70 percent of the world's food and performing 60 percent of the world's labour, women only receive a fraction - a mere 10 percent - of the world's income.

ENVIRONMENT - A move by the European Union to ban industrial carbon gas credits from its programs will increase demand for Clean Development Mechanism projects in places such as Africa, officials from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change say.

HEALTH - The cholera bacterium has undergone important mutations in recent years, causing longer outbreaks of the disease with increased fatalities, researchers said. In a package of papers published in the journal *Neglected Tropical Diseases*, they said mass vaccinations should be considered as a solution even after outbreaks have begun.

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA's recently-awarded tender for antiretroviral drugs halved drug costs for the world's largest ARV programme. Driven by a better-prepared and more aggressive government, the deal may stand up to criticism better than initially thought.

UGANDA - Health officials in Uganda have launched a yellow fever vaccination drive in the north where an outbreak of the disease has caused 53 deaths and 224 infections in 10 districts since late 2010.

ASIA & PACIFIC

CHINA - Most of China's wheat-growing areas in the north are suffering from drought with some seeing no rain for more than three months while the second most important wheat province of Shandong is facing its worst drought in a century.

NEPAL - One million fewer children are working in Nepal than a decade ago, though more girls are toiling in dangerous conditions than boys, according to a soon-to-be-published report documenting the country's sizeable population of child labourers.

PAKISTAN - Millions of Pakistan's flood survivors are still in dire need their situation could deteriorate further. Hundreds of thousands remain in camps struggling to survive in sub-zero winter temperatures and, in the south, swathes of land remain under contaminated water.

MIDDLE EAST

OPT - Gender-based violence in the occupied Palestinian territory remains at epidemic levels, according to UN agencies, local NGOs and women, while victims lack legal recourse and often face a family backlash for reporting crimes.

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