

NEWS BULLETIN

27 April 2011



GLOBAL

POVERTY - Poor women born over the past 20 years, particularly in Africa, are worse off than their mothers or grandmothers, according to a study by researchers at Harvard University. The study found that the physical height of women has fallen in 14 African countries, and stagnated in 21 more countries in Africa and South America, indicating a prevalence of childhood malnutrition, disease and poverty.

AFRICA

BURUNDI - Desperate and displaced, some Burundian women will do anything, including have unprotected sex for money, to escape the dreadful living conditions in the Bujumbura suburb of Sabe, where more than 480 families of internally displaced persons (IDPs) have lived for several years.

KENYA - Infants enrolled in October 2010 in an HIV vaccine trial are doing well, say researchers in Kenya.

SOMALIA - Thousands of families in Somalia's central town of Dusamareb, the regional capital of Galgadud, are caught between an unending conflict and severe drought.

SUDAN - A sharp rise in conflict in Southern Sudan is raising concerns for the safety of civilians and aid workers, less than three months to go before the formal independence of the fledgling nation, officials warn.

UGANDA - Internally displaced people in northern Uganda face a difficult choice - whether to return to their ancestral villages or stay in camps hoping for better access to healthcare, as antiretroviral (ARV) drugs are in short supply.

ASIA & PACIFIC

Food prices in Asia have risen an average of 10% since the beginning of the year and threaten to push millions of people into extreme poverty, the Asian Development Bank warns. About 64 million people may find themselves below the \$1.25 a day per person threshold as increases in inflation prompt governments to raise interest rates.

NEPAL - is vulnerable to rising global temperatures and has already been dealing with the impact of erratic rainfall, frequent droughts and floods, which have been affecting food security.

WFWO's Communications Team